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THE WEATHER.

The temperatures remain unusually high for the season in interior and eastern districts, ranging above freezing except in parts of Canada. It is colder in the west and northwest. The indications point to clearing, colder weather in New England tonight or Sunday; westerly winds. Probably fair and somewhat colder Sunday.

ALMANAC, SUNDAY, DEC. 11.
Sun rises—7:04; sets, 4:12.
Moon rises—6:21 p. m.
High water—12:30 noon; 12:30 night.

FUNERALS.

OGLIVIE—The funeral of Alice Ogilvie took place yesterday at her parents' home in Corey street, Middlesex Village, and Rev. Mr. Caswell was the officiating clergyman. There was music by a quartette. Burial was in the Bidson cemetery.

TRUE—The funeral of George True took place yesterday afternoon from his home in Lincoln street. Rev. Mr. Lockhart was the officiating clergyman. The body was sent to New Brunswick for burial.

SWETT—The funeral services of John F. Swett were held yesterday at his home 74 Branch street and Rev. Mr. Merriam was the clergyman officiating. Delegations from Oberlin lodge I.O.O.F., and Post 185, G.A.R., were present and the bearers were members of those bodies. Burial was in the cemetery at North Chelmsford.

"I promise, for myself and my party associates, if elected, that we shall give the city better results with lower taxes than have been given heretofore."—*Hon. Fisher H. Pearson in his letter of acceptance.*

DEATHS.

MALLORY—George A. Mallory, aged 34 years, died at his home in Tyngsboro yesterday. Deceased was married and leaves a wife and family.

WILLIAMS—Mrs. Anna L., wife of George H. Williams, died at her home in Newksbury yesterday, aged 45 years. Deceased is survived by a husband, three sons, George B., Bert W., Norman E., and two daughters, Charlotte S., and Florence E. She was a well known member of the Branch street church of this city.

DEMOCRATIC RALLIES WILL BE HELD IN ALL THE WARDS TONIGHT.

SALEM WON.

The Salem Y.M.C.A. defeated the Lowell Y.M.C.A. at basket ball last night at the "gym." The Salems won through fouling on the part of Lowell.

The features of the game were the work of Wilson at guard and the throwing of goals by McFarland of the Lowells. The Salems showed great activity. Following are the positions and score:

SALEMS	LOWELLS
Perry, rf	rf, McFarland
Davis, lf	lf, Goodchild, Muzzey
Carlin, c	c, Ferris
Hollstein, rg	rg, Kiersted
Enos, lg	lg, Wilson

Score—Salem 5; Lowell 4. Goals thrown by Perry, Davis, McFarland, 2. Umpire, F. M. Curry; referee, Fred Shew; timer, Willis Holt.

LADIES' AUXILIARY.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Reform had a social in Columbia hall last night, and Bamber's orchestra furnished music for the dancing.

EVERY DEMOCRAT SHOULD ATTEND THE WARD RALLIES TONIGHT.

50 Highest Awards

Facsimile of the backcloth on the Original Benson's Plaster.

to Benson's Plasters as a remedy for the prompt relief and cure of Sciatica, Muscular Rheumatism, Backache, Pleurisy, Pneumonia, etc., which other plasters fail to overcome. Only the genuine effective. Price, 25 cents.

MORE TABLES.—We are giving a nice Oak or Cherry Finished Table with one pound of our 60c. Tea. Come and see them at O'Brien Bros., Tea Dealers, 77 East Merrimack St. Telephone 69-3.

$7 TO $15

GOOD ORGANS for above prices. Call at once. Must have the room.

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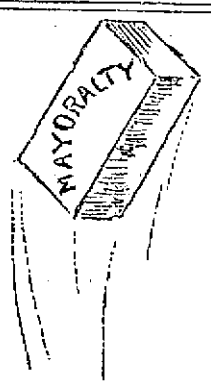

PRISONER PARDONED.

Albany, Dec. 10.—Governor Black has granted pardon to Albert H. Smith, who was convicted Dec. 3, 1890, in New York of the crime of forgery in the first degree and sentenced to Sing Sing prison for 17 years. Smith was a member of the firm of Mills, Robeson & Smith, stockbrokers. By a series of forgeries he defrauded his partners of over $200,000, causing their financial ruin.

A large number of the most prominent citizens of Brooklyn asked for the pardon, and it was earnestly recommended by Austin Lathrop, superintendent of prisons, and by the officers of Sing Sing. The judge who sentenced Smith and the district attorney were also favorable to clemency.

VERY FINE DISTINCTION.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 10.—In answer to inquiries, the Washburn & Moen Manufacturing company states that no wire "trust," properly speaking, is under consideration, but that several of the larger manufacturers are proposing to form a new corporation under the auspices of J. P. Morgan & Co. of New York. It is possible that the Washburn & Moen company may conclude negotiations now going on with J. P. Morgan & Co. for the purchase of the shares of stock of this corporation. In this case there will be no change in the operation of the works under the present management, but simply a transfer of ownership of shares.

"If the brick stays up, she's mine."

DEMOCRATS NOW UNITED

For One Grand Onslaught on the Bennett Boodlers.

No Answer to the Charge of Plotting Fraud—Liquor Business in Politics Again — How Bennett Reduced Pay of Police—Wilson Men Bulldozed by Bennett Managers—The Councilmanic Candidates.

The prospects for Mr. Pearson's election are becoming brighter with every passing hour. The democratic party is becoming more and more united and it has votes enough to elect the entire democratic ticket. It is to the credit of democrats that they are firmly resisting the financial inducements offered by the Bennett managers to keep them away from the polls on election day.

The most extraordinary measures are being taken by Bennett and his managers to whip into line the obstinate Wilson men, the British Americans and a number of Joe Miller's followers. These men are all honest in their conviction that Mr. Wilson was robbed of the nomination by a plot put up by the republican city committee, by which Colonel Bennett, who carried but two wards, defeated Mr. Wilson who carried five wards. Yet in the face of all this, the Bennett managers are using threats and bulldosing tactics of all kinds to force them into line, so as to swallow Bennett and his boodle methods on next Tuesday.

It is worthy of note that the republican papers this morning have nothing to say of the charges of plotting fraud made in yesterday's Sun against the republican city committee. We stated on the most reliable authority that a gentleman present at the meeting suggested that he were furnished with extra ballots he could vote ten repeaters every hour. The proposition was taken under advisement by the managers and no doubt an effort will be made to carry it out.

Another method by which the Bennett managers are endeavoring to avert the defeat of their chief is by having candidates who are seeking a license for next year go around canvassing men to remain away from the polls at $2 a man. One or two members of the Workingmen's Protective League are out at this business and many others throughout the city. The offers are made in confidence and when the canvassers secure a list of men who promise to remain away, they submit them to their chiefs or to Colonel Bennett himself. The extent to which this species of political boodling is carried on is quite alarming. It is another proof that the license question is again becoming a political issue. The people of Lowell thought that the liquor business was out of politics, but never was it more active than at present when the chief of police is acting through a number of prominent liquor dealers to secure the assistance of as many liquor saloons as can be whipped into line to support Bennett. The usual methods, of course, will be adopted to secure promises of votes, or otherwise to keep democratic voters away from the polls.

The democratic leaders have decided to make the most strenuous efforts to get every democrat out on election day, and any democrat who remains away under the circumstances will be placed under suspicion of being in collusion with the Bennett managers. Another thing feared by the democratic leaders is, that while a number of voters may remain away from the polls on election day, their names will be voted upon perhaps several times by Bennett repeaters. This is what was contemplated by the gentleman at the meeting of the republican city committee when the proposition was made to vote ten men an hour on extra ballots.

It is useless to rely upon the police to prevent anything of this kind, because, the superintendent of police being out for Bennett, it is useless to state that his men will not be detailed to arrest those who will attempt to perpetrate fraud at the polls on election day. Consequently the democratic managers have decided to secure a number of detectives in order to frustrate the schemes put up by the Bennett managers for electing their chief, and if possible, arrest the violators of the law. They will make it hot for the boodlers.

"Nothing but sandwiches and coffee are served as refreshments at the Bennett rallies," says the Courier. How about the lavish displays of wind which are features of all Bennett meetings?

Col. Bennett's application for membership in the A.P.A. must have caused those worthies a shock.

It is said that some of the members of the Workingmen's Protective League actually threatened to go to work if the application of Harry E. Murray for membership was accepted. The Colonel's managers couldn't trust the league, despite its loud and lengthy protestations of support and endorsement and decided to put in a few trusted men to keep tabs on the club. Harry was one of them. Harry Murray an orator in the Workingmen's Protective League! Ye gods!

Mr. Barnard has told us how much he saved on the purchase of supplies, that have depreciated in market value since last year. Will he inform us before Tuesday how much he saved on the purchase of flour and other articles that have appreciated?

A well known republican dry goods dealer met Mr. Barrett, the democratic candidate for purchasing agent Wednesday night and said to him "Mr. Barrett, I am going to vote for you this year. I was a supporter of Barnard last year, and have supported the republican ticket all my life. I was given to understand by Mr. Barnard himself that all dealers would have a show when he got into office. I have waited 10 months in vain to see him do business impartially and have at last been forced to believe what I always suspected, that he is the tool of a few firms."

The speakers for Col. Bennett's big rally will meet at the Richardson House before going to the hall tonight lest they be troubled with frog in the throat while speaking. But why the Richardson House, Colonel? There's the Franklin and a number of other hotels just as convenient and wherein the Colonel might feel more at home. Besides, he would be closer to the "Factor and Agent." Jack Donnelly.

Col. Jim's move to work the influence of the Royal Arcanum to get him votes was a decided frost. The Colonel has attended just two meetings of his council since he became a member, one a week before the election last year and the other last week.

By electing Andrew E. Barrett to the position of purchasing agent, the citizens of Lowell will see the object of those who suggested the office carried out. Mr. Barrett will conduct the duties incumbent upon him in a business like manner and the city will be saved from extravagance.

Thomas F. Connolly expressed surprise because he was challenged in the last republican caucus. He said in his speech last night that he could not understand why it was done. The Sun will tell him why. Does he remember standing on Central street about three months ago, and in the presence of some friends denouncing the republican party and saying: "I am through with the republican party and hereafter I will go to the polls and vote as I please?" That is why Mr. Connolly was challenged. It is also remembered that Mr. Connolly was once a candidate for office in the people's party, and even for office in the democratic party.

Every policeman in Lowell will vote for James W. Bennett if he wants to have his pay reduced.

In June, 1876, Colonel Bennett was elected to the Common Council to fill a vacancy. He took his seat at the meeting held on the evening of June 27. At that meeting he got himself elected a member of the finance committee and appointed to membership on the committees on accounts and lands and buildings. He beat Willis Farrington of old Ward Six for the place on the finance committee. That was twenty years ago. Even as long ago as that the Colonel never failed to balk the ambition of a Belvidere republican if he could.

The Colonel served in the Common Council until 1878. In the latter part of 1877 he was a member of the committee on salaries which at his instigation made considerable reductions in salaries and wages. The day and night policemen were cut from $2.75 a day to $2.37½. There was a long controversy over the adoption of the committee's report. The resolution went back and forth between the Board of Aldermen and the Common Council eleven times. Colonel Bennett made a hard fight to cut the policemen's pay down to $2.37½ a day, but he was finally beaten and the pay of policemen was fixed at the figure of the previous year, $2.75 a day.

The Common Council fixed the pay of policemen at $2.50 a day, Bennett voting "No." There were two roll-calls on concurring with the Board of Aldermen in fixing the policemen's pay at $2.75 per day in stead of $2.37½. These roll calls resulted as follows, as may be seen by consulting the records of the Common Council at City Hall:

FIRST.

"Yeas—Messrs. Coburn, Courtney, Davis, Goulding, Grady, Hallowell, Hanson, Harding, Kelley, Kimball, Maxfield, Manning, Munn, Pickman, Robbins, Sanborn, Stiles and Walker—13.

"Nays—Messrs. Bennett, Blodgett, Cushing, Goodale, King and Lynch—5."

SECOND.

"Yeas—Messrs. Blodgett, Coburn, Courtney, Grady, Hallowell, Harding, Kelley, Manning, Maxfield, Munn, Pickman, Robbins and Sanborn—13.

"Nays—Messrs. Bennett, Cushing, Davis, Goodale, Goulding, Hanson, Kimball, King, Lynch, Stiles, and Walker—11."

This is why every policeman on the force who would like to have his pay cut down next year will vote for James W. Bennett for Mayor.

Mr. Editor—In the coming municipal election, the people have a chance to strike a blow against bad government in city affairs. I am a republican in national and state affairs, but in city elections I have always voted for the man best fitted for the office.

The democrats have a man for alderman who should receive the vote of every patriotic citizen. That is Col. C. A. R. Dimon, a man of great executive ability, a soldier who won promotion on the field of battle, a man who has been at the head of a large factory for more than a quarter of a century, and a friend of the working man, for there has not been a cut down in his factory for twenty-five years.

Col. Dimon is a man whom the clergy of all denominations should endorse. It was he who took hold of the Day Nursery and brought it from an insig-

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FOR YOU.

We quote prices on Rubbers for those who want to save 50 per cent. or more.

Men's "Old Fashioned Gum" Overshoes, 75c. goods, buy of us at 50c.

Men's Plain Rubbers, self acting, Boston Shoe Co.'s goods, worth 60c., only 50c.

Men's Best Woonsocket Rubber Boots, all sizes, worth $3.00, only $2.25.

Youth's Best Quality Storm King Rubber Boots, all sizes, worth $2.50, only $2.00.

Ladies' High Cut Arctics Boston Rubber Shoe Co.'s goods, worth $2.00, only $1.50.

Misses' High Cut Button Arctics, spring heel, best quality, worth $1.75, only $1.25.

Ladies' Best Quality Rubber Boots, fleece lined, $1.50; Misses', $1.25; Children's, $1.00.

Ladies' Storm Alaskas, black, fleece-lined, worth $1.00, only 75c.

Men's Storm Alaskas, self acting, Boston Rubber Shoe Company's Goods, worth $1.52, only $1.

Men's Self Acting Alaskas, black, fleece-lined, Boston Rubber Shoe Company's goods, only $1.

Ladies' "Marvel" Rubbers, small sizes, only 30c. Many similar bargains for this week at

O'SULLIVAN BROS.

Opp. City Hall.

HOWE EXAMINED

As to His Insanity by Expert.

DR. BENNER FINDS HIM READY TO TALK.

Report May be Made in Court.

Dr. B. R. Benner, the local expert on insanity, is making an examination of young Alfred Howe, who is at the Thorndike street jail and will probably report his condition in police court tomorrow when his case comes up.

Howe takes his fate philosophically, passing the time in reading books. He is not allowed to leave his cell except in the morning at washing-up time. After that he returns to his cell and spends the entire day reading books.

Dr. Benner has called twice to see young Howe and has found him perfectly willing to converse.

Dr. Benner took young Howe into his confidence, explaining the object of his visit.

Howe answered all questions readily, but whether or not rationally, the doctor has not stated.

Dr. Benner will probably visit young Howe today and make a report tomorrow in court.

The police have heard that a female impostor is going about from house to house, soliciting money and clothing. It is supposed that she pawns the clothing. The stories she tells are pathetic and she seldom fails to work sympathetic people.

Fred Lambert, who stole $71 from Arthur Paquier's trunk, last July, was tried yesterday and sentenced to jail for one year.

THE POLICE WERE CALLED.

The rush at Pollard's sale of smoked goods yesterday was unparalleled in the history of the city. Over 2000 people crowded the vast store at one time and the police had to be called to prevent women being crowded to death, help people out, and prevent overcrowding. The spectacle was never equalled in Lowell. Nearly everybody went off loaded with goods at half price.

A MEAN SWINDLER.

The police are looking out for an alleged swindler who has ben victimizing house girls of Irish extraction.

On Wednesday, he called at a house in Belvidere and asked the girl to subscribe to the Irish World, saying that for $1 a year, she would be sent the paper and that 500 masses would be said for her intention. He was a slick talker and the girl concluded to subscribe. She had nothing less than a two dollar bill, which she gave to the supposed solicitor. The latter said he had no change, but would return with it shortly. It is needless to state he never returned.

He is described as being about 5 feet 9 inches in height, stout, wearing dark clothing, an astrachan cap, and no overcoat.

WATCH RECOVERED

The watch stolen from the home of Mrs. Clinton Mason, the larceny of which has been charged against Phillips Jarvais, has been recovered in Fitchburg.

LADIES' AUXILIARY.

OF THE VETERAN FIREMEN PLAY WHIST.

With enough players present for fifteen tables, the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Lowell Veteran Firemen's association had last night a highly enjoyable whist party in Post 185, G.A.R. hall. John F. Williams was general in charge and he started the playing at 8 o'clock and stopped it at 10. There were six prizes with winners as follows: Ladies, first, Mrs. F. C. Austin, 40; second, Mrs. J. Williams; third, Mrs. Brainard. Gentlemen, first, Mr. Mahoney; second C. M. Young; third, T. G. Gerrish.

Mrs. S. B. Slisbee and Mrs. Fred Austin were in general charge.

SATURDAY MORNING AT NINE.

Moir Bros. have settled with the insurance company and at nine o'clock tomorrow morning the store will again be open and the public can have a chance to get every kind of dry and fancy goods at about fifteen cents on the dollar, and while the fire was quite disastrous, there are several lots of goods but slightly damaged and practically as good as ever; but they all come under the same list, fifteen cents on the dollar. Do not fail to take in the opening sale at Moir Bros.,' 119-121-123 Merrimack street.

"I shall, if elected, exercise every power I possess to prevent imposition on the city or interference with public rights on the part of any of these (quasi public) companies."—*Hon. Fisher H. Pearson in his letter of acceptance.*

Mr. T. P. Hall was eighth prize winner in the membership getting contest of the L.A.W. recently completed. There were 37 prize winners in all. He also received an honor certificate.

Hood's Pills

Stimulate the stomach, rouse the liver, cure biliousness, headache, dizziness, sour stomach, constipation, etc. Price 25 cents. Sold by all druggists. The only Pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Full Dress Suits:

MEN'S Full Dress Suits made by Rogers, Peet & Co., correct to the most minute detail. Made from fine worsted, twills and granites. The finest with coat full silk lined. Tailors charge as much again for them as we ask. Prices $25.00 to $45.00.

BOYS' DRESS Tuxedo Coats, silk faced, low cut dress vest, short trousers: made from fine worsted twills, in sizes from 11 to 16 years.

EVERY THING that men require for evening wear, absolutely correct, dress shirts, cravats, gloves, collars and cuffs, satin chest protectors—all of the accessories.

PUTNAM & SON,
No 166 Central Street.

POLICE COURT.

Two drunks.

Frank Carey charged with assault and battery was continued.

Romeo Clement for larceny of a can of milk received 15 days in jail.

TWO LITTLE PAYERS.

People remarked that the clarionet player in the Music Hall orchestra, Arthur Payer, was heard to better advantage last night than ever before. Mrs. Payer had just presented her young husband with two little Payers—a boy and a girl.

HORSFORD CLUB.

Tonight the Horsford Social club will hold their annual concert and ball in Associate Hall. It will be a delightful affair and those who attend will certainly enjoy themselves.

The Tabasco club held a banquet at Page's last evening.

Court City of Lowell, F. of A., is making great preparations for its annual concert and ball New Year's Eve.

The men of the First Primitive Methodist church gave a tea party last night. Following it was an entertainment which was very much enjoyed.

A benefit party will be held in Hibernian hall this evening. A large attendance is expected and an enjoyable time is assured. The party is held for the benefit of a worthy person who has a host of friends working to make the affair a success. McElroy's orchestra will furnish the music.

DON'T FORGET THE WARD RALLIES TONIGHT.

DROUGHT IN KANSAS.

Topeka, Dec. 10.—Kansas is suffering from a water famine. Many towns are without water. The prolonged drought has become a serious matter. Streams from which the towns and cities get their supply are dry, and the wells which afforded the people water for domestic purposes have failed. In a dozen of the larger towns the railroads are hauling water and depositing it in tubs for the use of the people.

CHRISTMAS DRAFTS

On the Old Country at Market Rates.

£ DRAFTS $4.87½.

Traders' National Bank

HOURS { Daily 8 a. m. to 4 p. m. Saturdays { 8 a. m. to 1, p. m. 7 to 9 p. m.

39 Middlesex street, 11 Post Office Avenue.

100 PIANOS

The M. Steinert & Sons Co.

Having just consummated the above gigantic purchase with the well known and popular New England Piano Co., of Boston, are now prepared to give the greatest bargains in New Pianos ever offered in Lowell, at their warerooms,

34 Prescott Street.

This announcement should not fail to secure the recognition of every piano buyer in this city.

100 PIANOS

MERRIMACK, PALMER AND MIDDLE STREETS.

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MERRIMACK, PALMER AND MIDDLE STREETS.

GRAND ANNUAL EXPOSITION AND SALE OF

FANCY AND STAPLE GOODS FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Now in full force. Each and every counter has special magnet and the Christmas shoppers' task will be made easy when she visits our store. The array of Christmas Attractions in every department has never equalled the present season. MAKE YOUR SELECTIONS NOW. CHRISTMAS IS NEAR AT HAND. OUR PRICES WILL HELP YOU.

Grand Christmas opening display of

HANDKERCHIEFS.

Cases of fresh goods have been delivered to us direct from Ireland, from France, from Switzerland and from Japan.

Nothing can surpass the exquisite beauty of the Swiss embroidered handkerchiefs of Japanese silk in all white and delicate shades of colored silk embroidery.

500 doz. All Linen Hemstitched and Scalloped embroidered Handkerchiefs, in a great variety of patterns, 10c., 12½c., 15c., 19c. and 25c. each.

300 doz. Ladies' and Gents' pure Irish Linen and Japanese silk Handkerchiefs in plain, hemstitched, from 1 to 2 inch hem, 12½c., 17c., 25c., 33c., 49c., 75c. and 98c. each.

100 dozen Valenciennes lace edge and scalloped embroidered Handkerchiefs, all pure Irish Linen, the daintiest patterns possible to embroider, 25c., 39c., 49c., 59c., 75c. and $1.00 each.

50 dozen Swiss embroidered Silk Handkerchiefs in very rich and elegant designs, 50c., 75c., 98c. and $1.25 each.

Men's large Brocade Mufflers in black and cream only, 50c., 75c., 98c., $1.25, $1.50 and $1.75 each.

Boxes. Boxes. Boxes.

All sorts of pretty fancies in boxed Handkerchiefs for men, women, and children. Some of the boxes have Christmas cards already attached to them in dainty fashion. Don't judge of qualities by the prices. Handkerchiefs at our store are apt to be finer than others at same price.

CHRISTMAS APRONS.

The most beautiful assortment ever displayed in Lowell. The assortment comprises white muslin and nainsook Aprons, lace, hamburg and ribbon trimmed, in short, medium and extra sizes, also new style bib aprons, prices range from 12½c. to $1.50 each.

Christmas Present for the Baby.

Will be found in abundance on our Infants' wear counters. Pretty, dainty dresses, cashmere, Flannel and worsted Sacques, Bibs, Booties, Kid Shoes, Embroidered Blankets and Wrappers, Fur Sets and Bonnets, Elegant Coats. In fact, everything useful and pretty for the baby.

Ladies' Cashmere and Flannel House Wrappers.

A pretty wrapper is a favorite gift, and a sensible one. The wide range of colors we are showing enables you to suit any complexion and as to style you can have it as simple or elaborate as you please, prices range from $3.00 upwards.

Cloak and Fur Dept.

Every Jacket and Cape in our stock reduced from 25 to 33 per cent.

FOR HOLIDAY SALE.

The most extraordinary values ever offered in up-to-date styles.

BOOK DEPT.

Nothing more suitable for a Xmas gift than BOOKS.!

We can save you from 25 to 50 per cent. on the publishers' prices. Our department is located at the right of the main entrance and here will be found a beautiful collection of books for boys and girls. Standard books in sets or single volumes by popular authors, together with the most beautiful assortment of toy books ever displayed in Lowell at prices ranging from $1 upwards.

UMBRELLAS

For Ladies and Children.

Our assortment for the holidays is by far the largest ever shown in our city and the materials include silk, serge or gloria with a variety of fancy handles in pearl, natural wood or sterling trimmings, prices range from 98c. to $7.50 each.

JEWELRY DEPT.

Marvelous Bargains.

Ladies' Silver Chatelaines, $1.75 each.

Sterling Silver Manicure Sets, $1.25, $1.50 and $3.00 each.

Sterling Silver Garter Buckles, 95c. and $1.25 each.

Sterling Silver Ladies' Hat Pins, 25c. and 50c. each.

Sterling Silver Bag Tags, 25c., 39c., 50c. and $1.00 each.

Novelties in Sterling Silver, Nail Files, Glove Buttoners, Paper Cutters, Bracelets, etc., at 25 per cent. discount from jewelry store prices.

Our Basement Dept.

Is Santa Claus stamping ground. The most complete and best assorted stock of Toys, Dolls Games and Fancy Novelties ever shown the people of Lowell.

A few items will afford a brief idea of what the stock consists:

Dolls of every description, kid, dressed, knitted, and rubber, Dolls Go Carts, and Carriages, Shoo Flys, Rocking Horses and Galloping Horses, Express Wagons, Children's Carts, Iron Toys of every conceivable kind, including Hook and Ladders, Hose Carriages, Wood Teams, Ox Teams, Banks, Magic Lanterns, Steam Engines.

Children's Tea Sets, 10c., 15c., 25c., 50c., and $1.00 each in china or pewter.

Toy Boats, 25c., 50c., and $1.00 each.

Drums, Pianos, Stoves, and Blackboards, 25c., 50c., 75c., and $1.00 each.

Roller Chimes, Boys' and Girls' Sleds, Nine Pin games, Fancy Baskets, together with a great variety of popular games, from 5c. to 50c. each.

Celluloid Novelties.

Choice things for Holiday Gifts at very little money.

Glove, Necktie, Handkerchief, Collar and Cuff Boxes, at 50c., 75c., $1.49, $1.98, and $2.98 each.

Button and Trinket Baskets with hand painted covers at 25c. each.

Glass Jewel Cases, with fancy metal covers, at 19c., 69c., 98c., and $1.25 each.

Fancy Ink Stands, at 98c. and $1.49 each.

Celluloid Novelties.

Continued.

Paper Cutters, Pocket Combs, Babies' Squeaking Balls, at 25c. each.

Stamp Boxes, Paper Cutter and Blotter and white metal, at 39c. each.

Hand Painted Match Holders, at 33c. each.

Fancy Boxes of Stationery at 25c., 29c., 39c., 59c., and 75c. each.

ART DEPT.

December is a great month on the art counter. Practical holiday thinking whispers, "Give something in fancy work." All things conspire to awaken interest in the art department. For instance, Trimmed Toilet Bottles and Cushions from 69c. to $5.00.

Sofa Pillows in figured denim and Roman stripe silks, from 98c. to $5.00.

Denim Table Covers, embroidered and ready for use, 75c., 98c., $1.25, $1.39 and $1.50 each.

Silk Lambrequins and Table Covers, Pin Baskets, Letter Files, Match Holders, Folios, Magazine Holders, Handkerchief Cases at prices amazingly low.

Men's Furnishing Dept.

Here are some choice goods opened today. NECKWEAR.

Men's Fancy Neckwear for holiday gifts in tecks and four in hands, at 25c. each.

Fancy Neckwear in light and dark plaids, tecks, four-in-hands, puffs, and imperials, at 50c. each.

Men's Furnishing Dept.

Continued.

Tecks, puffs, and four-in-hands in very new silk, elegant patterns, at 75c. each.

Fancy Silk Arm Elastics in a great variety of colors, at 19c., 25c., 50c., 75c., and 98c. each.

Gents' Silk Suspenders in plain colors and silk embroidery, 50c., 75c., $1.00, $1.25, and $1.50 each.

Men's Night Shirts, Kid Gloves, Fur Gauntlets, Fancy Bosom Shirts, etc., Specially Low Priced for the Holiday Sale.

FURNITURE DEPT.

Innumerable useful articles for holiday gifts. Fancy Chairs, Parlor Cabinets, Pedestals, Writing Desks, Book Cases, Fancy Tables, Sideboards, Couches, Jardiniere Stands, Onyx Tables, and a host of new up-to-date pieces which we want to sell in our holiday sale and have marked them at least 20 per cent. less than the same goods retail for anywhere in New England.

Electric Jackets.

Two special values for holiday sale, at $25 and $35 each. Excellent skins, good lining, well made and by far the best offer of the season.

LINEN DEPT.

Irish and German Table Linens in piece goods and sets, Towels, Doylies, Scarfs, etc., the most magnificent display ever made in Lowell and several bargain lots go on sale today.

An Important Sale of

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In which every housekeeper in Lowell will be interested will open

Saturday Morning at 9 O'Clock

A special importation this week of high grade teas at prices hitherto unknown in Lowell.

6 lbs. of good 40c. Oolong or English Breakfast Tea for $1.00.

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3 lbs. best 80c. Tea, all kinds, for $1.00.

Coffees.

6 lbs. best 38c. Mocha or Java Coffee, for $1.50.

4 lb. best 38c. Mocha or Java Coffee, for 33c.

5 lbs. best 35c. Mocha or Java Coffee, for $1.00.

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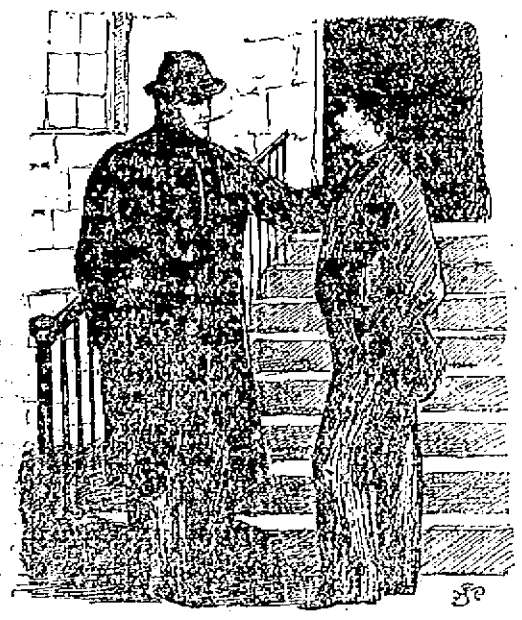

HOW IT IS DONE.

"Hello, old boy. What are you driving at now?"

"O, I've been carrying the banner for the last three months, but I can't seem to strike anything."

"Well, that's pretty tough. Here's a chance for you to earn a dollar. That suit of yours is a little on the hog, but I can give you a scheme whereby you can get a new one."

"All right, Billy. You're a star. You're the man I have been looking for. What's the scheme?"

"A party told me that the Bennett men wanted to get a few clever fellows like you to do a little repeating on election day, and I have been told on pretty good authority that they would be willing to pay $5 for every name that you can vote on."

"That's all right. It's a good thing, and I'll push it along. You can bet before the polls close I will have money enough Wednesday to buy me a new suit of togs. If I had a quarter now, I would blow myself; but if you will only set them up today, I will return the compliment Wednesday, when the ship comes in."

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A beautiful 6-sheet art calendar given away free to purchasers of FAIRY SOAP. This calendar is 10x12 inches in size, is designed by some of America's best artists, lithographed in 12 colors, and can be secured only through your grocer during the holiday season. Ask him for particulars. If he does not sell FAIRY SOAP—pure, white, floating—send us his name and we will tell you where you can get a

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IN CENTRALVILLE

The Bennettites Held Forth Last Evening.

TEDDY WIER MAKES SEVERAL INJUDICIOUS REMARKS.

Joe Bickford Not Allowed to Poetize.

"I have here a paper I want to read to you," growled Col. Jim at a motley crowd of listeners in Odd Fellows' hall, Centralville, last night.

"Is it The Sun?" yelled Jack a wee bit of a joker in the crowd, whereupon all faces unbuttoned and there was a laugh.

"Naw, it ain't. It's the 'Courier,'" growled back the Colonel, as amiably as a hungry bull pup, and there was a silence that betokened the speedy larding of the Hog Combine.

It was an article on what Jim said about not making promises, and the republican city committee will furnish salt to all who intend taking it.

Boodle, red fire, music, Joe Bickford, and Louie MacIlrayne, the first "a" being of the vintage of '95, were among the features of the great Bennett rally in Centralville last evening. There was a parade and a lot of Bennett's red fire for a starter. Then there was the meeting.

Among those who attended was Joe Bickford, the poet, who had his latest effusion, entitled "Our City Election," up his sleeve, which he had prepared with great care for the occasion. The only one who heard it was myself, but as he delivered it in the next room to the one in which I was endeavoring to write at 11 p. m., I didn't appreciate it.

Joe went over to Centralville, all dickeyed up to deliver the poem. He sat on the stage and he'd be sitting there yet if he sat until they called on him, because it got rumored about that Joe was janitor of The Sun building, and that was enough for the Bennett crowd. Joe was frozen out most severely.

With all the music the hall wasn't filled, though a few in the audience appeared to be. There were several democrats there and the Hog Combine was there to the extent of two.

Arthur Cluer called to order and read a long list of vice presidents who weren't there and introduced George H. Marston as chairman. He said that every boy, girl, and child born in Lowell owed $10,000, but jumped it down to $10, city debt.

Colonel Bennett was the first speaker. He's been a republican since 1851 and as he voted the Whig ticket before that he must be old enough to know better. Then he flagged the Hog Combine by saying that he was pledged to no one.

Hon. John C. Wilson spoke very nicely about the board of aldermen.

Aristocratic Frederick Lawton said the better element was in the republican party, and told his hearers that the reporters in the democratic papers would abuse him for saying so. Then he made a lame attempt to explain himself.

And then Fred Wier, the astute district attorney, who understands the art of challenging jurors better than making political speeches put his foot in it by claiming that the election would bring the police department and the liquor business into politics and that neither were in politics now. They're both in it head over heels and working for Bennett.

City Solicitor Qua gave an opinion and made a grand stand play by quoting a lot of big figures and telling the audience that they must furnish the money that those figures represent.

Senator Putnam told about men who predicted Bennett's election in his store.

Aime Gauthier, redacteur de L'Etoile made one dramatic speech. He pushed up Bennett's majority to 1100 as he knew two families who were going to support him. Alderman Eastman, G. H. Tryder, Representative Rowell, and L. E. MacIlrayne of the Hog Combine, also spoke. There were two or three other Bennett rallies last night in different sections of the city.

"I shall refuse to sanction any expenditure of the city's money for junkets, so called, or for any similar purpose."—*Hon. Fisher H. Pearson in his letter of acceptance.*

Everybody Says So.

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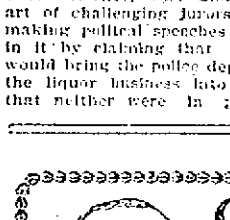

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WRITES:

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TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

The Boston prize terrier Peter, owned by T. Hollander of Boston and valued at $1000, died while being brought from Pawtucket to Boston.

Alfred Lepine of Woonsocket, R. I., died yesterday as the result of injuries received at the River spinning mill by an iron roll crushing him badly.

Rear Admiral Joseph F. Green died at his home in Brookline, Mass., last evening. He had been ill for a long time, suffering from a complication of diseases.

An elderly man who gave his name as George W. Cole was arrested in Portland, Me., on suspicion of having passed a worthless check and attempting to pass several more.

Rates for plate glass insurance will probably soon be cut in every state. The compact for business in Wisconsin, Illinois, Missouri, Minnesota, Kansas and the Dakotas has already been declared off.

Ira Whitener died in Woodsville, N. H., yesterday afternoon, aged 82 years. Few men were better known in business and political circles in northern New Hampshire. He was a large dealer in lumber and an extensive owner of real estate.

By direction of the court the inquest in the cause of the death of Joseph Laplante, for whose murder J. B. Guillemain was arrested and taken to St. Hyacinthe, Que., is proceeding with closed doors, the court fearing that if the proceedings were public it would be impossible to secure a jury.

The solicitor of the treasury has rendered an opinion in which he holds that Chinamen who failed to register under the act of Nov. 3, 1893, are not lawfully in this country, although they may have registered under the act of May 5, 1892. Chinamen who have been excluded by collectors of customs may be summarily excluded without process of law in case of a second attempt at entry.

BET ON THE WINNER.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 10.—The Allan line steamer Parisian and the Cunard line steamer Gallia, the latter under charter to the Beaver line, sailed for Liverpool yesterday afternoon within 35 minutes of each other, and it is believed they will have a race across the ocean.

The Beaver line recently secured the contract to carry the Canadian mails to England, a service which the Allan line had performed for many years, and it is considered quite certain that neither the officers of the Gallia nor those of the Parisian care to reach the British coast behind the other on this trip.

The Parisian got away a quarter of an hour ahead of the Cunarder. The latter goes to Moville first, while the Allan steamer goes direct to Liverpool. Both carry large numbers of passengers.

IMPOSSIBLE TO PREDICT.

Canton, O., Dec. 10.—At 11:30 last night Mrs. McKinley was living, but very weak. When the doctor left her he had some hope of her surviving the night, but said the case had reached that point where it was impossible to make any prediction with the slightest assurance of certainty. The patient rested quietly and at times showed scarcely any evidence of animation.

Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets.

Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. 10c, 25c. If C. C. C. fail, druggists refund money.

First class printing done at this office.

AN ELASTIC DOCTRINE.

Paris, Dec. 10.—The Times, commenting upon the settlement of the German-Hayti trouble, says: President Sam and his colleagues imagined that the convenient and elastic Monroe doctrine would apply to their case. This little calculation was wrong. The United States were not anxious to advertise or extend their solidarity of negro states. On the other hand, the last reproach which can be urged against the policy of Washington is not taking into account the relative strength of nations. America does not wish to embroil itself with Germany merely for the beautiful eyes of the black republic.

"A measure must be either right or wrong. If right it should be adopted; if wrong it should be rejected."—*Hon. Fisher H. Pearson in his letter of acceptance.*

Chris. Holmes is now having a fire, smoke and water sale of ladies' high grade jackets, capes, coats, furs, etc., and it is a hummer. Now is the time to buy if you want to get a big bargain. Don't forget the place, 124 and 126 Merrimack street.

Triumph of Merchandising.

The Shirt Event of '97

Tomorrow 50 dozen Garner's Percale Shirts, laundered, attached collars and cuffs. Regular price $1.00, for

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Made up by the Eclipse Shirt Company, the leading high Shirt manufacturers of America. Three to a customer. As a bargain event, this double discounts our great Shirt Sale in August.

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AMOSKEAG WAGES.

Manchester, N. H., Dec. 10.—Agent Herman F. Straw of the Amoskeag corporation stated that the cutdown in cotton mill wages in Fall River would not be followed in this city, and that Fall River's action pertained only to the mills of that city, and it was not probable that the example would be followed in other New England cities.

"I shall, if elected, at all times welcome the counsel and advice of all citizens, irrespective of political affiliations, upon matters concerning the public weal."—*Hon. Fisher H. Pearson in his letter of acceptance.*

Boston's checker club is going to play Lowell's checker club on Christmas day and doesn't intend, either, says the Globe, to make it a Christmas present of the game.

GOLD DUST WASHING POWDER

Dirt of any kind on any thing quickly yields to the easy effort of the housewife who uses this great cleaner. Largest package—greatest economy. Ask the grocer for it.

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YES, THEY HAVE TO DO IT.

Geezer—"Say, Mixer, is it true that the liquor dealers have been requested from headquarters to contribute money and free drinks for the election of Bennett?"

Mixer—"Yes, sir, that's what we've all got to do or we don't get a license next May. You see the present police board will grant the next batch of licenses and we must stand the squeeze but we can vote as we please when we get into the polling box and there will be lots of us that will give it to Bennett on election day.

DEMOCRATS NOW UNITED.

(Continued from Page 1.)

nificant charity that a great many people sneered at to be the best organized charitable body in our city. Whenever an old comrade is in want, there is Colonel Dimon with his heart and his purse to relieve his want. Colonel Dimon is accepting the nomination at a great personal sacrifice. He cannot be accused of trying to use the office to advance himself for he has nothing to sell the city. He cannot be accused of vanity in seeking the office, for he has won honors more distinguished on the battlefield and from the people. He is impelled to enter this contest from a stern sense of duty that he owes his city, and his only desire is that he may serve his fellowmen and win their approbation by using all his ability for the city government.

—Independent Republican.

COLONEL BENNETT DOESN'T LIKE VETERANS.

Editor of The Sun—I read in the Citizen yesterday a call for those heroes the Boys in Blue, extending an invitation to all ex-soldiers and sailors who intend to support the republican ticket in the coming election to meet with them at republican headquarters next Friday evening, Dec. 10, at 7 o'clock sharp, to escort the speakers to a rally to be held at Huntington hall. I learn one of the speakers is to be escorted is a Colonel without a regiment (Bennett) who didn't help put down the late rebellion. The record of this warrior when he was a member of the Common Council includes the following: When a resolution was read in that body to appropriate $500 to defray expenses of the G.A.R., to decorate the soldiers' graves on Memorial Day of that year, this great warrior (Bennett) arose from his seat and moved that the appropriation be reduced $250. There cannot be a spark of manhood left in any man who served in the army or navy during the late war who will turn out to escort any blatherskite who tried to belittle the living and dead soldiers and sailors of the late war. No man who served in the Confederate army showed such prejudices towards the union soldiers and sailors as this "Battle Scarred Veteran, Colonel Bennett," God Save the Mark).

No man who served his country faithfully during the late war will turn out to escort a man who insulted them and their dead comrades with his bigotry and narrow mindedness. When men who claim to be veterans of the late war turn out to honor such warriors as Colonel Bennett after the insult he gave them and their dead comrades by such action, they make Memorial day a farce.

—A Four Year Veteran.

COUNCILMANIC CANDIDATES.

In the heat of the mayoralty contest, democrats must not overlook or disregard the council fights in their respective wards. It is extremely important that every councilmanic candidate, the men in the overwhelmingly democratic wards, those in the wards certain to be carried by republicans and the candidates in the doubtful wards—should receive the full party vote.

In Ward One, usually republican, there is a chance of electing one man if good hard work is put in.

Hugh J. Williams, one of the candidates, is an ex-president of the Reform club and a young man of good standing. There is a slight defection in the republican ranks because of Councilman Scott's defeat and there are reports that some of Mr. Scott's friends will rally to the support of Mr. Williams. The Reform club has a special pride in Mr. Wililams and its members are anxious to see him succeed.

John J. Carigg also has republican friends in the ward who think enough of him to vote for him. He is well and favorably known, politically and socially, and with James H. Corcoran, the third man on the ticket, will keep his opponents on the hustle to win.

The new banner ward of democracy—Ward Two will send three solid democrats to the lower board. Thomas F. Garvey, who, it is said, will call the Council to order because of seniority of membership, is one of the men who stood by the party through thick and thin, when the Council was a tie, politically and every vote counted. He will receive a handsome vote on election day and he deserves it.

James J. Kennedy, whom the voters of Ward Two, will send back for another term, is a vote getter. His interest in affairs of the Celtic associates and similar organizations has won him many friends. Councilman Kennedy does not say much, but he is always on hand, when wanted.

Frank McMahon completes the trio and is a new man in politics, so far as holding office is concerned. That he has friends was proven by his magnificent vote in the caucus, when he led all the other candidates.

Ward Three is republican, but this does not deter Peter F. Brady from making an active personal canvass for the office. If any democrat can win, Mr. Brady will. He is a member of the Mathews and the Painters' union and is also on the democratic city committee.

Adelard Berard and Richard Murphy are not so actively engaged as Mr. Brady, nevertheless they are working faithfully to get out the party vote.

In Ward Four we will win handily. Councilman Fagan will be returned with a handsome vote to his credit. Councilman Fagan's course has been thoroughly democratic and merits a large vote. John L. Rourke, who will be one of his associates, ranks as one of the most popular young men in the ward. He is small in stature, but big in the estimation of the people. Every democrat in Ward Four will vote for him.

Michael J. Markham is a member of the Burkes and is prominent in labor circles. In fact he might be termed a labor representative in the Council for the best years of his life have been devoted to the labor cause.

Ward Five is the last of the certain democratic wards, and it will have three good representatives. Michael E. Sullivan is just completing one good term in the Council, during which time he has acquired an acquaintance with municipal affairs that will serve him well next year.

George Farley is one of those fortunate men who can get a man's vote without asking for it. He seems to be particularly favored by the people of Ward Five and his vote will come pretty near representing the party strength.

William J. McCluskey, the new man from this ward promises to make a mark for himself next year and unless all signs fail, he will gain a prominence in the body that will prove that the confidence of the voters was not misplaced.

The men nominated in Ward Six are trumps. Every French voter in the ward knows Joseph H. Beaulieu and few will vote against him. He is a democrat with many true and faithful friends. Every democrat should vote for him, for it is believed that he can win. And the same may be said of Dr. Arthur Gillard, a physician of good standing, who has hundreds of friends, many of whom are within the republican ranks, but who can find a place on their ticket for the doctor.

J. D. Whitney is certain to get more than the party vote and is regarded as dangerous by the republicans.

The Ward Seven delegation is composed of three Frenchmen. In this ward the republicans have failed to recognize the great French vote and in caucus defeated the only Frenchman who was a candidate, Clovis Belanger. The French people will not stand idly by and assent to such action. The democrats have placed it within their power to resent this reflection on their people by presenting for their consideration three French democrats, Philip Desmairais, Arthur Racicot, and Alexandre Bouvier. All three are popular with the French voters and for this reason will cut into the republican vote. The democrats will vote solid for them and the French voters can put them in power by voting for them.

Ward Eight is hopelessly republican, but the three democratic candidates—Eugene A. Shea, Winfred Parker and John L. Barnard are good clean young men, capable of serving the city in an official capacity.

The Ward Nine contest will be the closest in the city. Last year James R. Sullivan came very near defeating H. Kirk White. This year he will try again, harder than before and his friends regard him as a winner. He is a young man, clever, respectable, competent and honest. He is one of the most prominent Foresters in Lowell, an Arcanumite and a member of the Burkes.

Charles H. Hobson, who many regard as a winner in this ward is manager of the H. R. Barker manufacturing company and has held political office, always discharging his duties faithfully and guarding well the interests of his constituents. The Swedes were recognized by the democratic party and Frank Lundberg was placed on the ticket. All democrats have united in support of Mr. Lundberg's candidacy election day and he will surprise the republicans.

At a gathering of republicans in the American House, during the campaign of last year, Col. Jas. W. Bennett, the then republican candidate for mayor, said that if elected he would reappoint Mr. Harry R. Rice to the board of police if his term expired while he (Bennett) was Mayor.

Now, Col. Bennett, the term of Mr. Rice expires in June, will you or will you not reappoint Mr. Rice if you are elected Mayor? Will you answer this question?

ANOTHER QUESTION.

Will Col. James W. Bennett, Republican Candidate for Mayor, and Solicitor of Temperance Votes, answer this question:

Have you, Col. Bennett, any interest in a liquor saloon and so-called hotel known as the Franklin House, a place on Middlesex street, either as owner, lessee or part proprietor?

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Charge That He Is Working Saloons.

TEMPERANCE WORK USELESS BECAUSE OFFSET.

By Police Protection for Political Debauchery.

The Mail and the Citizen this morning gave a large amount of space to the temperance lecture delivered last night by Mrs. Lake and also to the meeting of the Lowell ministers in the cause of temperance. It would seem from this that these papers, the ministers, and indeed the entire republican party are in sympathy with the temperance movement. Is this really so? If the press, the pulpit, and the republican party are in favor of temperance, why do they condone this corruption of our politics, this debauchery of voters, and this bribery in the interest of Colonel Bennett? Why do they close their eyes to the fact that the superintendent of police is using his powerful influence with liquor dealers in behalf of the republican ticket? What mean the frequent visits of John Nolan to the office of Supt. Davis? What means the visits of George Dempsey and others to the same office, where they are received in private conference with windows screened so as to be impenetrable to the view of outsiders? What means all this but the working of the saloons for Bennett through the police authorities? We do not reflect upon the police commission as a whole. Hon. Peter J. It is easy to see by whose authority it is done.

Already a very considerable number of saloons are using their influence by drink and otherwise in behalf of Bennett's candidacy and they would not dare do so unless they had a guarantee of protection from some quarter. Who can give this guarantee except Supt. Davis, and would he dare give it unless authorized? Yet the ministers or some of them, have declared that Bennett has the best right to be supported. Will they investigate the charge here made? Of what use are the public appeals if the saloons are to be used as vast machines for debauching voters, for putting up political jobs and schemes for defeating the will of the people?

HOUSE PROGRAM

The Leaders Know the Cause of Legislation.

APPROPRIATION BILLS WILL BE PUSHED.

Financial Legislation Will be Overlooked.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Although no formal action has been taken a pretty general understanding has been reached by the leaders of the house as to the course of legislation in the near future. The appropriation bills will be disposed of as fast as they are ready. After these bankruptcy bills will be given the first opportunity for a hearing. At present there will be no effort to take up financial legislation in the house. Some emergency measures, like the Behring sea matter will probably have a hearing, but aside from these the disposition of the house leaders will be to keep radical legislation to the rear.

A TERRIBLE DEATH

John H. Brookstrum Struck by Block of Granite.

THE MAN WAS HORRIBLY MANGLED.

And Hurled Into a Deep Pit.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Gloucester, Dec. 9.—John H. Borkstrum was struck in the head by a piece of granite weighing three tons this morning as it was being lifted from a pit. He was instantly killed, and knocked into a pit 100 feet deep. He fell on the jagged stones below and was terribly mangled. He leaves a wife and four children.

FREE THINKER SENTENCED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Gratz, Syria, Dec. 9.—Dr. Bruno Wille, a free thinker, has been sentenced to one week's imprisonment for "publicly holding up to contempt the Christian and Jewish religion."

OPPOSES ANNEXATION.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Los Angeles, Dec. 9.—The Chamber of Commerce here is opposed to the annexation of Hawaii, claiming that it would materially affect the beet sugar industry in this state.

A GOLD INVITATION.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 9.—A slab of quartz with veins of gold clearly showing will be used to convey California's invitation to President McKinley to attend the golden jubilee of the discovery of gold January 24. The invitation will be engraved on the face of the rock.

MILLER'S GREAT SPEED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

New York, Dec. 9.—The morning of the fourth day of the great six day bicycle race finds eighteen men still plugging on. All are determined. None of them will sleep unless forced to by their trainers. Riviere rode 1121 miles without a wink of sleep and then only took two hours. Miller slept one hour in the first seventy-two hours.

A BIG SENSATION

Temple Houston Will Defend the Jennings Brothers.

HE KILLED ONE OF THE FAMILY.

And Seriously Injured Another Brother.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Guthrie, O. T., Dec. 9.—Something of a sensation has been created here by announcement that Temple Houston, son of Sam Houston of Texas fame, will defend the Jennings brothers and their gang on the charge of train robbery and other crimes. Temple Houston killed one of the Jennings brothers in a fight last year, and in the same affair he shot Al. Jennings, one of the brothers whom he will now defend.

MRS. McKINLEY'S CONDITION.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Canton, O., Dec. 9.—Mother McKinley survived the night, but was very weak this morning. The President was at her bedside all night. This morning she was in a deep, lethargic sleep.

AN OFFICER'S TREASON.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Havana, Dec. 9.—It was officially announced this morning from Spanish headquarters that a group of rebels had entered Caimanera, near Guantanamo, being favored "by the treason of an officer." Caimanera is on Cumberland harbor.

DEMOCRATIC RALLIES WILL BE HELD IN WARDS THREE, FOUR, SIX, SEVEN AND NINE FRIDAY NIGHT.

SUB-COMMITTEES NAMED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The committee on Foreign affairs held its first meeting today and outlined the work on foreign affairs.

Chairman Hitt announced as a subcommittee on Cuban affairs, Adams of Pennsylvania, Heatwole of Minnesota, and Berry of Kentucky. The subcommittee on Hawaiian affairs is Hitt, of Illinois, Smith of Michigan and Dinsmore of Arkansas.

RELIEF FOR KLONDIKERS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Washington, Dec. 9.—In the House today, Senator Hoar secured the unanimous consent to present a petition signed by 269 native Hawaiians protesting against the annexation of Hawaii. The resolution authorizing the Secretary of War to transport supplies to the suffering miners at Klondike and the appropriation of $250,000 for that purpose, went over on objection.

Fire Alarm Sounded by a Bug.

It was after 2 o'clock on a recent morning and one of the young ladies was transmitting a message to the load room when that faraway "Wait a minute!" came over the wire. A moment later she explained that an alarm of fire was striking off, but she could not tell the box. Now the telephone girls know the fire alarm system better perhaps than anybody in New Orleans, and when a minute or two after the first alarm a second came over the wire, different from the first, they decided that something must be wrong.

An investigation followed, and it was found that an electric light bug had flown into the big gong which sounds the alarm and by moving about among the wires had touched off the alarm. Attracted by the electric lights on the top floor of the Exchange building, he had flown in and caused all the trouble.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away.

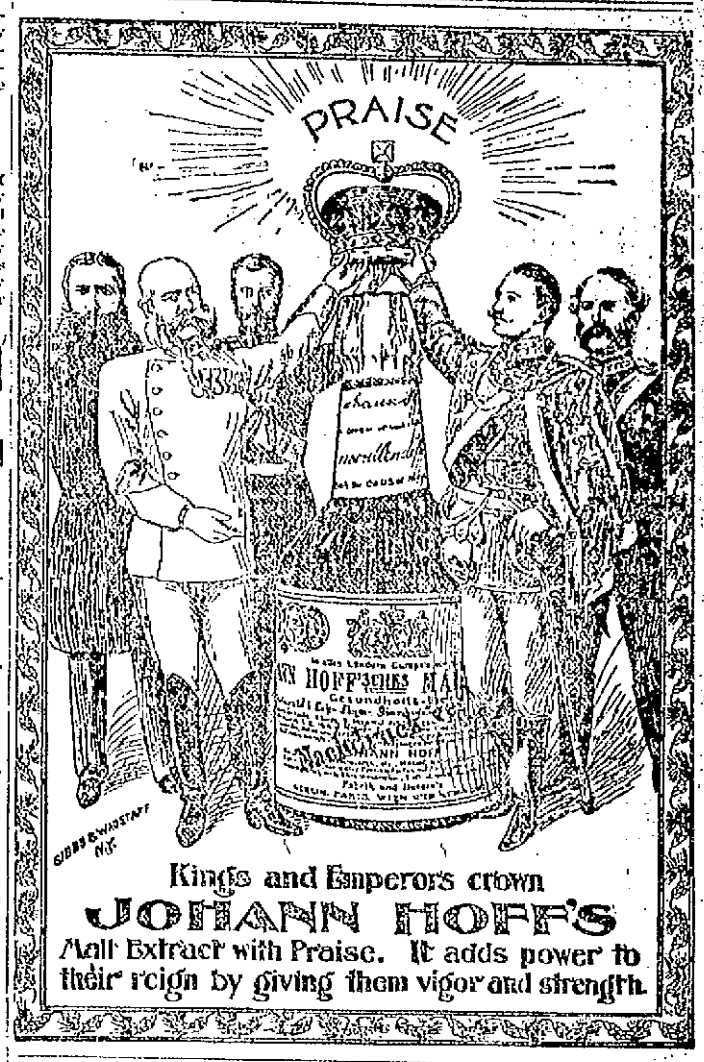
To quit tobacco easily and forever, be magnetic, full of life, nerve and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker, that makes weak men strong. All druggists, 50c or $1. Cure guaranteed. Booklet and sample free. Address Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

KNOCKOUT DROPS.

Full Directions Found In O'Neill's Possession For Using Them.

John O'Neill, 19 years old, of New York, who was recently discharged from Blackwell's island, was arrested a few days ago for sneak thieving. In his pocket were a prescription for knockout drops and a letter telling him how to use them. The letter reads as follows:

"The one most dangerous is any one affected with heart trouble, as it takes immediate action on the heart, causing the heart to beat so rapidly as to finally kill. Fifteen drops of aromatic spirits of ammonia given immediately with a hypo injection of atrophine will always counteract the effect. When you are about to administer, take 15 drops in a small homeopathic vial, hold in palm of hand, drawing the cork with thumb and forefinger of same hand, reach over the patient's glass, calling his attention, and—why, 'bang,' he is yours. This is about as explicit as is possible without demonstration. You know the penalty to be caught with it in your possession."—Exchange.



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Hundreds of GARMENTS To Be Sold.

JACKETS, CAPES, WAISTS, SKIRTS AND COLLARETTES.

The cost not considered for a moment, but each and everyone marked at figures that will ensure a quick sale.

$5.00 will buy a good Covert Cloth Jacket, half silk lined and velvet piped, the price has been $8.50.

$5.00 for an excellent quality Kersey Jacket, blacks, browns, and greens, all silk lined, a bargain, the price was $8.50.

$7.50 for a handsome Velvet piped, good quality Boucle Jacket, marked down from $11.50.

$9.98 for a Light Tan Kersey, velvet collar, strapped seams, extra good quality, silk lining. We have been selling them for $14.50.

$16.50 for Imported Sample Garments that were made for the finest trade. They cost us from $25 to $28.

These are a few of our bargains. Besides these we have hundreds of other Jackets from $2 to $15, with special values at $9, $10 and $12.50.

$3.50 for a Colored Brocade Skirt, extra quality of goods, well made, guaranteed to please, marked down from $5.

$6.98 for a heavy Black Brocaded Silk Skirt. This is not marked down, but $10 does not buy so good a one elsewhere.

$2.00 for Silk and Wool Waists. They cost $3, but we want to close out the few we have left.

Our cut prices on Collarettes at **$1.50, $2, $3.75 and $5.**

Fur Capes make nice Christmas presents. Electric Seal, Astrachan and Wool Seals at from **$15 to $25.**

Then we have Cloth Capes from **$1.98** to **$12.50.** Plush Capes from **$4** to **$20.** Skirts from **98c.** to **$9.** Choice Fur Collarettes **$8, $10** and **$12.50** and Silk Waists at **$3.98, $5** and **$6.50.**

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Elect Andrew E. Barrett purchasing agent if you want honest and economical management of the supply department.

Who can deny that Col. Bennett planned the scheme by which he robbed Honest John C. Wilson of the mayoralty nomination?

The republican administration of last year raised the tax rate from $15 to $17.40. Give them another year and they will make the tax rate $19.40.

Remember Hon. Fisher H. Pearson is a young man who has a future before him. It is not likely if elected he would do anything to blight that future.

Purchasing Agent Barnard mismanaged his office, and discriminated against Lowell business men. He has not saved the city enough to pay the running expenses of his office.

Mr. Pearson is a gentleman whose record in the state senate shows his fitness for the office of Mayor and his superiority to a man who calls to his aid all the boodlers and political blacklegs in the city.

The democratic aldermanic ticket stands far above the aggregation of political curiosities on the republican ticket. Vote the straight democratic ticket if you want an economic government next year.

The republicans who authorized the Mountain Rock junket are now shrieking over the danger of democrats dividing the spoils. Republican charter tinkering and gerrymandering have practically turned the spoils over to republicans.

The republican reformers who have kept up a fight over a few offices for two years past are now shouting against Mr. Pearson as a spoilsman. These are the men who worked for a whole year to oust Dick Bray, the best superintendent of buildings the city has ever had.

When Senator Pearson was elected senator, he ran nearly 300 votes ahead of his ticket. The Mail claims that he ran behind the average vote of his ticket for the three previous years. The Mail distorts the figures and the truth at the same time. Without distorting either, it can show that Colonel Bennett has been for years the hoodoo of the republican party.

Between Colonel Bennett and Hon. Fisher H. Pearson, there is no room for comparison. The Bennett managers are working as many saloons as they can against Pearson and yet the republican papers haven't a word to say about it. They connive at corruption on their own side, and make groundless charges against the democrats. That is their fixed policy.

A political machine is a danger in any city. Yet there need be no machine if the voters but realize how easily it can be broken.—Courier.

Just as soon as the democrats present a united front, the Courier raises a howl about the machine. What of the machine that robbed Mr. Wilson of the nomination by adopting the open caucus method by which a man who wins two wards by ringing in democrats can beat a man winning five wards?

Here is one of the proofs, taken from the state election returns of 1895 which the Mail prints daily to show that Hon. Fisher H. Pearson is a poor vote getter and a weak candidate:

VOTE FOR GOVERNOR.

Frederic T. Greenhalge	6020
George Fred Williams	5353
Total vote	11,373

FOR SENATOR.

Ether S. Foss	5265
Fisher H. Pearson	5603
Total vote	10,868

These figures show that Mr. Pearson was just 338 votes ahead of Mr. Foss and 230 ahead of his ticket. And yet the Mail claims he was a weak candidate. By the same reasoning, they can prove that Governor Greenhalge was a weak candidate that year, although he got many democratic votes from motives of local pride.

THE COURIER AGAIN.

The republican ticket should have the hearty and earnest endorsement of the pulpit, the temperance organizations and all who desire to put to rest the grasping of a Tammany leader with all that his success would imply. —Courier, organ of the Hog Combine.

A majority of the aldermanic nominees on the republican ticket authorized the Mountain Rock junket and Alderman Goward refused to show the bills to a committee of prominent citizens who applied for an injunction to stop payment from the city treasury. The same republicans are now working for a removal of the injunction and if elected, will vote to pay the bill.

Col. Bennett, the head of the ticket, has his boodle in every bar room that will accept it. He owns the Franklin House, the headquarters of his chief "Factor and Agent," where his boodle is distributed. All this is what the organ of the Hog-Combine wants the pulpit and the taxpayers to endorse. They'll do it—Nit.

JOURNEYMEN TAILORS

HELD A BANQUET IN LAWRENCE WEDNESDAY.

The Journeymen Tailors' union, embracing members in Lawrence, Lowell, Haverhill, and Andover, enjoyed a banquet at the Essex House, Lawrence Wednesday evening. A large number were present and the affair was a success.

After the supper President Lavigne of Lowell rapped the meeting to order and introduced Representative Richard Cullinane who made an interesting address. Other speeches were made by the president and Vice President Whitehead of Lawrence. The banquet concluded, the company assembled in the parlors and enjoyed cigars and music. The Tuxedo trio of New York gave a number of good selections and were well received.

The Journeymen Tailors' union is now in a flourishing condition. With a few Lawrence tailors it has grown to a large and influential union, embracing Lawrence, Lowell, Haverhill, and Andover. The officers are: President, Fred Lavigne, Lowell; Vice President, Leslie Whitehead, Lawrence; recording secretary, Arthur Keefe, Lowell; treasurer, Wm. H. Gullinette, Lawrence; financial secretary, Carl Carlson, Andover; sergeant-at-arms, John O'Leary, Lawrence; Auditors, Jacob Jansen, Johannes Kirk, James Burns, Lowell; trustees, Wm. Martin, Lowell; August Johnson, Andover.

BOWLING NEWS.

Smith led all the Bankers at the bowling yesterday between Team Four and Five. His total was 526 and 485 was the nearest any of the others could get to him. The score:

TEAM FOUR.

Smith	526
Stevens	377
Lamson	469
Whidden	312
Totals	1681

TEAM FIVE.

Keyes	463
Currier	445
Haggett	337
Clogston	485
Total	1730

The Barbers outrolled the Courier-Citizen team 2092 to 2015. There were no high totals. The score:

BARBERS.

Lynch	386
Mireault	433
Nault	411
Smith	378
Murphy	451
Totals	2092

COURIER-CITIZEN.

Munn	381
Johnson	371
Phillips	437
Sullivan	526
O'Hearn	397
Totals	2015

OFFICERS ARE COMMENDED.

A general order by Superintendent Davis, commending Lieutenants Kew and Brosnan, Sergt. Palmer, and Officers Curran and Mulrey for good work done in connection with the arrests of Phillias Gervais, J. J. Leary, James Gannon, Fred Sullivan, and Joseph O'Brien was read at roll call last night. The three latter were connected with the hold-up in the rear of Bartlett & Dow's store Wednesday night, and the others were implicated in the shooting of John McCormick and the larceny of silverware from the McNabb residence.

MUZZEY TO LEAVE LOWELL.

Walter L. Muzzey, who is among the best all around ball players in the city, will leave Lowell tomorrow for Framingham, where he has accepted a position with the Dennison Manufacturing Co. Walter's departure will make a big hole in the Burkes' basket ball team.

REFORM CLUB.

The Reform club is making arrangements for the observance of the 22nd anniversary on January 13 and the following have been appointed a committee in charge: George Farrell, Richard Reidy, John M. Hogan, John H. Kennedy, James H. Mullen, William Ball, James O'Loughlin, Edward Considine, William Smith, Joseph Hinch, and R. J. Fullerton.

MANHATTAN CLUB DANCE.

The first grand party of the Manhattan Athletic club was held in Prescott hall last night, and was attended by 100 couples. The officers of the evening were: General manager, Felix D. Langevin; assistant general manager, Peter Kerrigan; floor director, David Gregoire; assistant floor director, Thos. Burns; aids, William McCarthy, Frederick Pigeon, John Gilman, John Hickman; Joseph Lucier; reception committee, James Hartley, Lorenzo Prince, William Martin, Patrick Murphy, Ralph Richards, Edwin Hayes, Peter Lakuere, Charles Brothers, Albert Lamere, Eugene Lavoie.

MIDDLESEX WOMEN'S CLUB.

At the Middlesex Women's club last night, the performance of "Hag Wynne, Free Quaker," was admirably given in connection with the exhibit of colonial and revolutionary relics. The characters were assumed as follows: "Miss Wynne," Mrs. C. W. Williams; "Hugh Wynne," Henry H. Harris; "John Wynne," A. P. Perham; "Benjamin Franklin," A. P. Perham; "Mrs. Ferguson," Mrs. O. B. Ranlett; "Darthea Penneston," Miss Bernice Ranlett; "Capt. Montresor," Dr. C. W. Taylor; "Andrew Allen," Charles T. Cahill; "Mr. Galloway," Percival Barnard; "Jack Warden," Harry E. Newell; "Mrs. Galloway," Miss Maude Bowers; "Major Andre," Lewis E. McBrayne.

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MEN'S OVERCOATS

That sold for $12, $15 and $16, now $9.75, $10.75 and $13.50.

MEN'S SUITS

That sold for $12, $14 and $18, now $8.98, $9.98 and $12.

CHILDREN'S REEFERS

That sold for $3, $4.50 and $7, now $1.75, $2.50 and $3.75.

Ladies' Jackets and Capes.

That sold for $10, $12 and $15, now $6.75, $7.50 and $9.75.

Ladies' Skirts and Waists.

That sold for $6, $8 and $10, now $4.98, $5.98 and $6.98. NO EXTRA CHARGE FOR CREDIT.

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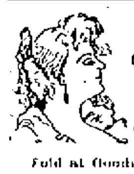
78 MIDDLESEX ST., LOWELL.



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Every set warranted to be the same teeth that other dentists ask $15 and $18 for, and every set warranted to fit. Gold Filling and Gold Crown work a specialty. Teeth filled with Gold by Electricity. No pain. Teeth Extracted Without Pain by our new method. Thirty years' experience. Artificial Teeth without plates; also Roo Dess Plates. Teeth extracted and replaced the same day as extracted—no need of going without. No Sunday work. Office hours: 9 a. m. to 5 p.m. Not open Evenings. DR. J. K. HICKELL & SON, Painless Dentists, Rooms 24, 25, 32, Runnels' Bl'g cor. Mer'k & Bridge

WANTS KNOX'S PLACE.

The editorial intimation in the American last evening that James H. Eaton will be the logical congressional candidate next fall met with the general approval of all the politicians about the city last evening.—Lawrence Sun.

CATARRH FOR TWENTY YEARS AND CURED IN A FEW DAYS.—Nothing too simple, nothing too hard for Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder to give relief in an instant. Hon. George James of Scranton, Pa., says: "I have been a martyr to Catarrh for 20 years, constant hawking, dropping in the throat and pain in the head, very offensive breath. I tried Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder. The first application gave instant relief. After using a few bottles, all these symptoms of Catarrh left me. It is a great remedy." Sold by Ellingwood & Co., Central and Merrimack streets and C. E. Carter, Branch and Middle streets.

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Has opened a new and commodious store with a complete line of Dry and Fancy Goods. First class stock. Lowest prices. Dress Making a specialty. Store open every evening. No bother to show goods, come one, come all. She also has a line of Skirts of her own make.

Office of the Board of Police,
Dec. 8th, 1897.

Licensees who have been licensed to maintain theatres, museums or as auctioneers or hawkers and peddlers are hereby notified that their licenses will expire Dec. 31, 1897; and that applications for renewal of licenses must be made at this office as soon as possible if they desire to continue in their respective businesses during the year 1898.

By order of the Board of Police.
—Joseph Smith, Clerk.

PRICES CUT

AND SLASHED RIGHT AND LEFT. Our loss is your gain. Fine, reliable Clothing, cheaper than shoddy. Everything marked at prices Bound to make this the Most Rousing Sale ever held in this city. The World Beating Bargain Sale is now at its height.

Our heavily loaded Suit and Overcoat tables must be quickly relieved of their burdens. We are determined to get rid of our entire present stock of seasonable goods, before the reorganization of our company, January 1st, next, although it means to us a very heavy sacrifice. To make this Closing Out Sale a complete success, we have made a Sharp and Sweeping cut in prices in all the departments, beyond recognition of former prices.

Everything is new and up-to-date, made with an eye single to long and satisfying service. The best makes, best styles and the biggest stock to select from in this section of the state. Never again can you buy first class goods for so little money.

Here are only a few of the Great Bargains we have in store for you, merely to give our customers an idea what Amazing Values they may expect to find in our store during the Record Breaking Riddance Sale:

SUITS

Young Men's $1 and $5 Suits, cut price,	$1.97
Young Men's $8.00 Suits, cut price,	$3.97
Men's Double Breasted $10 Suits, cut price,	$4.97
Men's Single Breasted $10 Suits, cut price,	$4.97
Men's $11 Suits, cut price,	$6.47
Young Men's $15.00 Suits, cut price, 33 34, 35 sizes only.	$3.97

SUITS

Men's $14.00 Suits, cut price,	$9.97
Men's $15.00 Suits, cut price,	$10.47
Men's $13.50 Suits, cut price,	$8.47
Men's $12.00 Suits, cut price,	$5.47
Men's $14.00 Suits, cut price,	$7.97
Men's $1.25, $1.50, $2 Fine Fur Stiff Hats, cut price,	50c. and 75c.

Overcoats

Men's fine Kersey $10 Overcoats, cut price,	$6.50
Men's fine Kersey $12 Overcoats, cut price,	$7.50
Men's $13.50 Overcoats, cut price,	$8.00
Men's $15.00 Overcoats, cut price,	$10
Men's $14.00 Overcoats, cut price,	$9.00
Men's $16.00 Overcoats, cut price,	$11

It is fun selling Clothing here at the new prices. The whole stock must move as fast as we can do them up, if low prices will do it.

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Our Entire Stock to be Closed Out With a Rush for Just What it Will Bring.

Felt Hats, Fire Sale Price 1c Each

$1 Dolls, Now 2c Each

19c Ladies' and Children's Hosiery, 4c Pair

35c Ladies', Children's and Men's Underwear, 9c Each

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50c Men's Wool Underwear, 19c Each

$25.000 WORTH OF MILLINERY AND FANCY GOODS

Only Slightly Damaged by Smoke and Water, to be Turned Into Money, within the next few Days. The Chance of a Lifetime to Buy at Just 15c on the Dollar of Actual Value. Remember the Day,

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 A. M.

MOIR BROS.
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75c Corsets, all kinds, 9c Pair

19c Ribbons, all Colors, 1c Yard

25c Dress Trimmings, 2c Yard

$1.00 Ladies' Kid Lined Gloves, 19c Pr

25c Fancy Ribbons, all Colors, 4c Yard

25c Ladies' all Wool Mittens, 9c Pair

25c Ladies' & Children's all Wool Hosiery, 9c Pair

FRIDAY, DEC. 10, 1897.

A. G. POLLARD & CO.

Our GREAT FIRE, SMOKE AND WATER SALE

Which commenced yesterday morning, called out an unprecedented crowd of customers. Our large force of clerks found it impossible to serve the immense crowd which thronged our Merrimack and Palmer Street Basements all day. But two large floors of cases and bales are not sold in a day, and we shall continue this great special sale until the damaged goods are all sold. The prices which we quote are but a sample of the many bargains which you will find at this Great Fire, Smoke and Water Sale.

DOMESTIC DEPARTMENT.

Dark Yard Wide Print, whole pieces all wet, 1c. a yard.

Linen Crash, 16 and 18 inches wide, slightly wet, 3 1-2c. a yard.

Yard wide Bleached Cotton, 3c.

8-cent quality Outing, wet on selvage only, 5c. a yard.

Seamless Sheeting, smoked and wet, 8-4 wide, 9c. a yard.

Yard-wide Bleached Cotton, wet, 2c. a yard.

Bates' Plaid Ginghams, 8-cent qual ty, wet, only 3 1-2c. per yard.

Plaid Dress Goods, regular price 12 1-2c; only smoked, 7 1-2c. a yard.

White Lawn, wet and smoked, 2 1-2c. a yard.

Ladies' and Children's Underwear, slightly wet, 25c. quality, for 19c.

White Bedspreads, wet and smoked from 25c. each upwards.

Blankets, 75-cent quality for 35c.

Blankets, $1 quality for 79c.

Fine Wool Blankets at $1.49 a pair, regular price $2.50.

Horse Blankets worth $2.25 for $1.39.

KITCHEN DEPARTMENT.

Clothes Baskets, 10c. a piece.

Nickel Plated Tea Kettle, both sizes, 43c. each, regular price $1.

15-cent Wash Boards for 9 cents.

Wash Boilers, regular price 70 and 85 cents each, for 39c. each, (copper bottoms).

Willow Clothes Hampers, 43c., regular price $1.00.

Snow Shovels, 19c. each, regular price 30c.

Iron Snow Shovels, 29c. each, regular price 50c.

Asbestos Stove Mats, 2c. each for the best 5c. grades.

Best Pine Tubs, 25c. each, regular price, 50c.

One crate of Blue and Brown Willow Ware, consisting of Cups, Saucers and Plates. The straw was soaked with water. Your choice of any article that was in the crate 5c. each, regular price 10 and 15 cents.

We are compelled to ask the indulgence of our customers if their goods are not delivered during this special sale quite as prompt as usual. Our four delivery teams are now doing double work, and we shall do our utmost to deliver all packages with as little delay as possible.

COME EARLY.

A. G. POLLARD & CO., Merrimack, Palmer and Middle Streets

IN THE SHADOW OF DEATH

Startling Testimony of a Woman Against Her Husband.

Sisterly Love Transcends Wifely Affection in a Murder Case at Bridgeport, Conn.—Evidence for the Prosecution.

Bridgeport, Conn., Dec. 10.—Charles Bolnay, the murderer of George Nichols, stands in the valley of the shadow of death, though as yet he has not been convicted of the crime. If the proceedings of Wednesday, when David Weeks, Bolnay's alleged accomplice, made a full and complete confession implicating Bolnay and himself, were sensational, it is difficult to adequately characterize the scenes enacted in the same room yesterday. The people's prosecutor, as if dissatisfied with the marvelous case already made out against the prisoner, added fuel to the fire Wednesday and through an unexpected medium piled up evidence against the accused mountain high. Almost as coolly as if she were engaged in ordinary conversation the wife of the man who stands on the threshold of a death at the hands of the law occupied the witness stand and swore away the life of the man whom she had promised to love, honor and cherish.

A thunderbolt from a clear sky could occasion no greater amazement than was evidenced when Mrs. Bolnay, the wife of the accused man and sister of the accomplice who betrayed him, swore her husband's life away. The law does not compel a wife to testify in court against her husband, but she was a willing witness and, to save her brother, gave evidence that will send to the gallows the man that only a few months ago led her to the altar.

Her story was the confessions her husband had made to her after his return from his adventure of robbery and murder, together with subsequent conversations which occurred at different times up to the night he was captured by the Bridgeport officers. She unhesitatingly told of her treachery to her confiding husband when she arranged to turn him over to the officers of the law, but she did not seem to be telling the story for motives of revenge, but, as she herself expressed it when questioned by counsel for the defense why she did not try to save her husband: "I thought that if my brother threw himself on the mercy of the court there might be some chance for him. I could see no chance for Mr. Bolnay, because I realized the terrible nature of the crime."

From first to last she made a wonderfully effective witness for the state, and her evidence goes far to shatter the last thin straw that was left for the defense. Bolnay's demeanor did not change in the least throughout her testimony, and whatever might be his feelings towards the woman, the love for whom resulted in his arrest, he carefully concealed them and appeared the same composed man.

The entire afternoon session was given up to the cross-examination of Mrs. Bolnay by Attorney Lynch for the defense, and, though a strong effort was made to show that she was a party, in the sense of overlooking her husband's wrongdoings, and that her testimony was not altogether disinterested inasmuch as it was intimated by the defense that a financial consideration might have influenced her to appear on the witness stand, she withstood the rigid fire and made a most favorable impression. She was the closing witness of the day. It is not believed that the state will summon many other witnesses, and at the earliest opportunity it is said that Bolnay will go on the stand and tell his story.

MINERS ARE LAWLESS.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 10.—The miners at Bonanza are making no concealment of their participation in the lynching of Murray, and have sent word to the Sebastian county officials that if they want to arrest any of their number to just come down into the shaft at the mines and get all they want. They are well supplied with dynamite, and it is their purpose to blow up the mine if an effort is made to apprehend them.

The mine is surrounded by a strong posse, the sheriff being in command, who says he will force the miners to capitulate, even if he has to fire the mine.

There are about 200 miners believed to have had a hand in the lynching, and a frightful flow of blood and loss of life are expected.

DREYFUS AGITATION.

Paris, Dec. 10.—A mob of students made a demonstration against Scheurer Kestner, the defender of Captain Dreyfus, in front of the Luxembourg palace, where the senate sits, shouting, "Down with Scheurer; down with the senate." The students were dispersed by the police.

A local paper prints a sensational statement, the substance of which is that the Dreyfus agitation is the outcome of an international plot to divert France's attention from events abroad, adding that an international syndicate with this object in view, backed by foreign gold, commenced operations in Belgium and developed them in Germany.

SURVEY OF CONNECTICUT.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The report of the board that surveyed the Connecticut river between Holyoke, Mass., and the foot of the Endfield rapids was submitted to congress yesterday. The plan presented provides for securing between Holyoke and Hartford a channel nine feet deep and 150 feet wide at extreme low water by constructing three locks and movable dams. The cost is estimated at $1,825,000; but this total would be increased to $2,175,000 should the Chanoine type of dams be used, while the cost of maintenance, etc., is estimated at $8000 per annum. The plans involve no injury to the canal on the west bank, or to water power.

BULLET THROUGH HIS TEMPLE.

Boston, Dec. 10.—An unknown man about 35 years of age, well dressed, committed suicide last night in an alleyway by putting a bullet through his right temple. He was seen by two boys to push open the gate leading into the passageway, and in a moment a shot was heard. A police officer who found the man lying on the ground unconscious had him taken to the hospital, but the stranger was dead before he reached there.

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A FIENDISH CRIME

A Planter's Family Killed in His Absence.

WIFE AND FOUR CHILDREN THE VICTIMS.

A Posse Now on the Culprit's Track.

Wesson, Miss., Dec. 10.—The wife and four children of Brown Smith, a planter living in Simpson county, 20 miles from here, were murdered Wednesday night, while a fifth child was terribly injured. Mr. Smith went to a nearby town, leaving his family at home. When he returned he found his wife and children weltering in their blood and apparently all dead.

An alarm was raised and the entire neighborhood turned out to hunt for the perpetrator of the crime. There being no telegraph connections, details of the murder came in slowly. One of the girls revived enough to tell what she knew of the occurrence. She said that she knew the man who committed the deed; that it was a negro, and she described him. A posse is now on the track of the murderer, and there is great probability that he will be apprehended.

REDUCTION IN GRADE.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Another case in which a reduced official of the postoffice department questions the right of his superiors to lower his rank has come before Assistant Postmaster General Heath. Dec. 6, John J. Boylan, a chief clerk in a division of the New York postoffice, was transferred to the position of clerk. Thursday Mr. Heath received a message from Postmaster Van Cott saying that he had been served with notice to show cause why an order of the court should not be issued restraining him from interfering with Boylan in his position, and asking for instructions as to the course to be pursued.

A reply was sent directing Mr. Van Cott to call on the assistant district attorney for whatever legal assistance he may require. The postoffice officials say they have no doubt of their right to make transfers in grades of employes even though this should involve a reduction in salary. In this connection they refer to the decision of Judge Jenkins of Chicago, who, in the case of Superintendent Carr, who declined to take a transfer to a lower place and sought legal interference, declared he had no standing in court.

EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGED.

Boston, Dec. 10.—Thomas P. Dolan, who gave his address as Troy, N. Y., and his business as that of a drummer, was arrested in a Merrimac street pawnshop Thursday afternoon. He was trying to dispose of pawn tickets, and was taken in on suspicion.

At headquarters 61 pawn tickets, representing articles worth $100 or $500, were found in his pockets. There was also a letter addressed to him and signed "John Welderhold, Schenectady, N. Y.," demanding the return of Dolan's samples. Welderhold manufactures ladies' underwear. Dolan, the police say, was traveling for him up to a few weeks ago, and that he sold the samples as soon as he left Welderhold's employ instead of returning them to him. Dolan was booked on a charge of embezzlement.

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RIVAL WHEEL CHAMPIONS

Articles Signed for a Great Indoor Race.

Michael and the English Crack—Big purse Likely to be Put up for the Contest—Other Matters.

New York, Dec. 10.—The terms for the greatest indoor cycling race ever arranged, a match between Jimmy Michael and the English crack, A. A. Chase, were completed yesterday. Under the articles binding the men to race, and signed by their respective managers, D. G. Schafer for Michael and W T. Walton for Chase, the rivals will meet in a single race or a series of three races, if the latter plan proves feasible, at 30 miles paced, the first race to take place not later than Jan. 10 next. The place for the trial of speed was not named, but it is almost certain that it will be in New York city.

Mr. Shfaer, acting for Michael, made every concession that Chase's manager asked and, though he was specially anxious for a match with a side bet of from $5000 to $10,000, he yielded to Mr. Walton's wish that the terms be made more favorable to the new-comer, who, he explained, being a comparative stranger, could not hope to find backing on short notice to the amount that Shafer desired. Mr. Walton was willing to arrange a match to be ridden in England, where Chase could easily get backing, but both parties objected to delaying the race.

In case of a series of races it is Mr. Shafer's idea that the first and third races should be in New York and the second in either Boston, Philadelphia or Chicago. Should one race be decided upon, that in all probability will be in this city.

Regarding the distance and conditions for the match, there was not the slightest difficulty in reaching an agreement, 30 miles being adopted as the most popular distance for such a race. There is no doubt of a big purse being put up for the contest, but there will be no side bet.

The race between Michael and Chase, it was decided later, will take place on Christmas eve. Michael will ride against Taylore on New Year's eve.

THE BICYCLE CONTEST.

New York, Dec. 10.—Hale's record in last year's big bicycle contest will look ridiculous when the figures in full of this year's race are placed up against it. In this contest Hale has outstripped his own figures and was 24 miles ahead of them at the end of 92 hours. Last year he had 1306 miles and last night he had covered 1330.

The rapid pace has forced out the French rider, Stephane, from whom so much was expected. He was officially declared out of the race. Miller seems to be absolutely tireless when on the wheel. He is fast approaching the automatic state. His eyes stare straight ahead, and were it not for his occasional great sprints, he would seem to be lost to all consciousness.

Hale and Elkes are looming up as "dark horses." They are the freshest men on the track, with the advantage in favor of the Glen Falls youth, who still cuts a pace that the rest of the bunch find it hard to keep up with. He has had over 20 hours' sleep since the contest began.

The score of the leaders at 2:15 a. m. was: Miller, 1606; Rice, 1523; Idvierre, 1522-4; Schineer, 1497; Waller, 1412-2; Moore, 1426-2; Hale, 1402-1; Pierce, 1371-6.

A BRUTAL EXHIBITION.

New York, Dec. 10.—Henry Steinert, counsel to the board of health of this city, speaking of the bicycle race, said: "It is a brutal exhibition and should be discontinued forthwith. It is not a scientific exhibition, but one in which sheer brute force prevails. If it can be proven to the board of health that it is detrimental to the life and health of the participants, then the board can stop it."

Dr. Edwin W. Martin of the health board said: "No horse or locomotive on the New York Central could do what the men in that race hav[illegible] up to the present time. The [illegible] can never recover from the effects of the strain, and I would not be surprised if some of them become raving maniacs before Saturday night."

LEFT HANDER ON THE JAW.

Waterbury, Conn., Dec. 10.—Harry Peifer, the reputed middleweight champion of the Pacific coast, met his first defeat last night when he was knocked out in the nineteenth round by George Byers of Boston at a boxing exhibition given by the Waterbury Athletic club. Both men are colored boxers, whose cleverness was sufficient to attract nearly 2000 spectators. They were matched for 20 rounds, and for 12 rounds they gave the cleverest exhibition ever witnessed in this city. They then slowed up, but as this did not suit the audience they got together again in the eighteenth, and in the nineteenth Byers knocked his opponent out with a left-hander on the jaw.

CLERGYMEN AND BOXERS.

Buffalo, Dec. 10.—The clergymen who had Erne and Downey arrested last Monday night, previous to their entering the ring in a boxing contest, had an interview with District Attorney Kenefick yesterday, and as a result announced that the district attorney had informed them that he would institute a civil suit for a forfeiture of the boxers' bonds of $500 each. After giving bail the boxers entered the ring, but their exhibition was rather a tame one. The clergymen say that they were assured by the district attorney that he would also entertain charges for presentation to the grand jury against Clymer and Hurst, manager and referee of the bout.

LAST NIGHT'S POLO.

At New Bedford—New Bedfords, 5; Providences, 4.

At Augusta—Augustas, 6; Portlands, 9.

At Salem—Salems, 12; Fall Rivers, 8.

ON A CHARGE OF ROBBERY.

Amesbury, Mass., Dec. 10.—Thomas Pickles, a well known photographer of this place, is locked up, charged with breaking and entering the house of Mrs. Hannah Bates and stealing silverware and other articles to the value of $200. The stolen goods were found in Pickles' studio. The police are looking for an accomplice, who is well known. The burglars effected an entrance to the house by boring a hole in the window sash and removing the fastening.

FROM CONGRESS

The Pension Question Causes a Lively Tilt.

CHAMPIONS OF THE OLD SOLDIERS.

Stand Bravely for Their Rights.

Washington, Dec. 10.—At Thursday's session of the house Representative Cannon, as chairman of the committee on appropriations, took occasion to make a general statement of the estimates submitted by the secretary of the treasury for the public service of 1899, for the purpose, he said, of disabusing the minds of members and the country of a false impression made by a comparison of these estimates with those of preceding years. The estimated revenues for 1899 were $182,000,000, the expenditures $501,000,000, showing an estimated deficit of $21,000,000. Under the last sundry civil act the secretary of the treasury, he pointed out, was compelled to estimate this year for $18,000,000 of river and harbor work, $33,000,000 of which had not been authorized by law. If this sum, not heretofore included in the estimates, were deducted, there would be an estimated surplus of $8,000,000, instead of a deficit.

Last year, the estimated deficit under the last tariff act was $46,000,000. If the $17,000,000 for river and harbor work for which the government then stood bound had been included the estimated deficit would have been $63,000,000. Mr. Cannon said it might be that the expenditure for pensions for 1899 would exceed the estimates. The commissioner of pensions estimated the expenditures at $148,000,000. If he should prove to be right, Mr. Cannon pointed out that the $140,000,000 appropriated by this bill would pay all pensions for the first 11 months of the fiscal year, and a deficiency appropriation could be easily made. In conclusion, Mr. Cannon solemnly warned the house that the large anticipatory importations would keep the revenues under the present law down to the minimum, and he appealed to his colleagues to see to it "that while the public service was sufficiently supplied with money not one dollar is appropriated which is not absolutely necessary to the best interests of the public service."

Mr. Allen of Mississippi attacked Mr. Cannon's statement. He produced estimates that showed an estimated deficiency for the next year of $72,000,000. He referred to the increase in the pension roll under the present administration and ridiculed the idea of a decrease unless the late increase was to be attributed to the "exigencies of the recent campaign in Ohio." "This question of the maximum of the pension roll," observed Mr. Allen, "is one of the things that have protracted my stay in congress. When I first came here they were talking of the maximum. I stayed 10 or 15 years to see it, but it has not yet come, and I guess I'll have to come again." (Laughter) Mr Allen directed the batteries of his humor at the Dingley law as a revenue producer, picturing the intense anxiety of the chairman of the ways and means committee at the extra session to get a bill on the statute books that would strike a balance between the receipts and expenditures, and predicting another season of anxiety on Mr. Dingley's part next spring at another extra session called for the same purpose.

Mr. Allen, with mock gravity, offered as his excuse for discussing the pension question the conspicuous part he had played, as a confederate soldier, in producing the pension roll. He estimated that he had protracted the war two years by his own personal valor; but, he said, he had forgiven the north and ventured the opinion that the president had him particularly in mind when he spoke in his message of the "growing feeling of fraternal regard" between the sections.

Mr. De Armond of Missouri criticised some of the classes on the pension rolls.

Mr. Allen again got the floor and disclaimed any intention of attacking the federal soldiers or the pension rolls. He said he could not but marvel at the fact that 976,000 names were now on the rolls, and that there were 600,000 applications [illegible] the pension office. There had been [illegible] 2,200,000 men in the federal army [illegible] present [illegible] a series of amendments designed, he said, to correct some of the most glaring evils. They prohibit the granting of pensions to widows whose applications were not filed during their widowhood, and the granting of pensions to widows whose applications were based on marriage contracted after the passage of this act, and to permanently insane or idiotic minors, who had reached their majority.

The senate did a considerable amount of business, although no very important measures were considered or passed and there was very little debate. Senator Gallinger, chairman of the committee on pensions, called attention to the increasing demand for private pension legislation, and requested senators to be careful in the future to see that their bills for private pensions were meritorious before they were introduced.

Senator Hoar presented a petition signed by 21,618 natives of Hawaii, protesting against the annexation of those islands to the United States.

UNREST AMONG MOSLEMS.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 10.—Throughout Russian Asia there is general unrest among the Moslems. It is attributed to exaggerated reports of the Turkish victory over "the great Greek empire" which have spread through the length and breadth of the continent. The authorities even fear that the revival of brigandage recently noticed in the Caucasus is directed almost solely against the government officials; and the unprecedented phenomenon of Georgians displaying hostility toward Armenians has become manifest.

The danger is so serious that a conference of Caucasian governors has been convoked to concert measures of pacification.

Travelers in central Asia report an extraordinary ferment among the moslems of different races. They are sinking their mutual animosities and declaring that they are first of all Mohammedans, with the sultan as their common chief. It is evident that the slightest pretext would suffice to bring about an uprising, and to plunge Russia into the same sea of troubles as India.

MILITARY POLICY OUTLINED.

London, Dec. 10.—The Marquis of Lansdowne, secretary of state for war, speaking last night at Edinburg, outlined the military policy of the government. After remarking that the country had been confronted during the last few months with difficulties in every part of the globe, not of her own seeking, and specially mentioning the Bering sea and Venezuelan controversies, he said that three army corps were required, adding that two must be available for offensive purposes abroad.

He asserted that he was still of opinion that only a moderate service with the colors, was expedient, but he hoped to be able to increase the establishment of each home battalion, thus securing a larger margin of seasoned soldiers by contracting with small numbers of reservists, who, for extra payment, would agree if necessary to rejoin the colors during the first year of reserve. In summing up the policy of the government he said: "Our intention is to maintain what is good of the present system and supplement it where deficient."

AFTER TWENTY YEARS.

Boston, Dec. 10.—William Leavitt, the Competitor prisoner of whom his brothers and sisters sought information, has been restored to his family after an absence of nearly 20 years, and after being given up for dead by his people, through the efforts of his brother-in-law, G. A. Sewall of this city. In his wanderings he has had many strange experiences on land and sea, as a farmer, a sailor, blue-jacket in the navy, miner, and, last of all, as one of the little filibustering schooner's crew whose sentence to death so severely strained the relations of this country and Spain.

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IN GOTHAM.

Some Successful Productions.

"The White Heather" Has a Strong Cast—Pinero's New Play at the Lyceum.

New York, Dec. 10.—The most pretentious production Charles Frohman has ever made in New York is "The White Heather" at the Academy of Music. It was written by the authors of "The Sporting Duchess," but its scenes are on a much more elaborate and extended scale than are those of the latter piece. "The White Heather" is full of striking stage pictures, each of which Mr. Frohman presents in the most effective and convincing way made possible by modern stage art. An idea of just what he has done in the matter of scenery and costumes may be had when it is known that in the reproduction of the famous Duchess of Devonshire ball, given in London just previous to the queen's jubilee, the manager secured exact copies of the elaborate and elegant costumes that were worn at that event by the cream of English nobility. There are nine other big scenes. One of them deals with Battersea park, where hundreds of bicyclists are shown riding and breakfasting; still another picture represents the pandemonium that reigns at the Stock Exchange, and there is an extraordinary submarine view. The cast is one of the strongest seen in the metropolis. Rose Coghlan is at the head of it. She appears in a rollicking comedy part which runs through the entire play. With her are associated Miss Olive May and Miss Amelia Bingham. Francis Carlyle heads the male contingent of players, and there are besides Harry Harwood, formerly of John Drew's company; R. F. Cotton and S. Miller Kent.

"The White Heather" tells of Lord Angus Cameron's secret marriage to Marion Hume and of a son and heir. Lord Angus needs a large sum of money to carry out one of his schemes. He goes to his brother, the Duke of Shetland, and asks him to cut off the entail of the family estates for the purpose of raising the needed funds. The duke hesitates. He is a man of sentiment and justice, and if he knew that his brother had a son he would not consent to interfere with the entail of the estate of the latter. At this juncture Lord Angus' son is accidentally wounded at a shooting party. This incident brings about a position of affairs by which the father is confronted with the necessity of either acknowledging his wife and boy or disowning them for the sake of his ambitions. He prefers to sacrifice them. Thereupon the characters in the play become divided into those who believe in Marion Hume's honor and those who pin their faith to Lord Angus. Old James Hume, the father of the girl, is a stockbroker. He speculates madly in order to raise funds wherewith to begin a legal fight to establish his daughter's virtue. This leads up to one of the big scenes of the play, the interior of the Stock Exchange during a sudden panic of Kaffirs. These are the securities in which Hume is interested. The market goes against the old man, and he drops dead on the floor.

The heroine undergoes many tribulations after this, and incidentally her life is placed in jeopardy. The legal proofs of her marriage are on board her husband's yacht, the White Heather, but the craft has foundered off Flamborough head. Representatives of the good and evil dive for the papers, meet under the sea, and a thrilling scene results. Of course all ends well.

The twelfth regular season at the Lyceum has opened most auspiciously with Pinero's "The Princess and the Butterfly." The full Lyceum company, including James K. Hackett, William Courtleigh, Felix Morris, Mary Mannering, Bessie Tyree, Mrs. Thomas Whiffen and Julie Opp, was seen in the production. It was Miss Opp's first appearance for some time on this side of the Atlantic. Though a New York girl, she acquired most of her dramatic reputation abroad, and is now under contract to George Alexander. She was the Princess Pannonia, in whose residences in London and Paris three of the five acts of the comedy occur. Those who are familiar with "The Princess and the Butterfly" declare that in it the author of "The Amazons," "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray" and "Sweet Lavender" has outdone himself.

They do say that in the matter of lingerie Richard Harlow comes pretty nearly running Cissy Fitzgerald a dead heat. Harlow, it will be remembered, was the hero or heroine of "1492." He is now doing the vaudeville in a sketch called "Half Way."

By the way, have you heard the latest story about Maurice Barrymore? He was asked one evening over a table how he liked his new part in "A Ward of France." With characteristic wit, Barry replied:

"Oh, I come in like a Lion and go out like a lamb chop!"

Victorien Sardou has just completed a new comedy, in which Mme. Rejane is to play the leading part. The piece is called "Pamela," and is already in rehearsal in Paris, although the actress who is to assume the star role has not yet arrived. She has been acting lately in St. Petersburg, to which point M. Sardou forwarded a copy of the manuscript in order that she might perfect herself in the lines before reaching the French capital. The scene of the new work is laid in 1795, between the Reign of Terror and the Directoire period.

Little Edna Wallace Hopper is not to be in the cast of John Philip Sousa's new opera, "The Bride Elect," after all. The cast was completed last week by the engagement of Albert Hart as principal comedian. Hart is a stranger to New York audiences, but has been very successful throughout the country in "Wang."

The new opera is a stock piece, and there will be no star. Nella Bergen will be the prima donna of the company, Christie McDonald soubrette and Lillian Carlsmith contralto. Frank Pollock, a new tenor, who has just returned from years of study in Paris, has been engaged, together with Melville Stewart, baritone, and Harry Luckstone. Ben Teal will stage the production, and John McGhie will be the musical director. There will be a chorus of 50, a dozen coryphees and a military band.

Ernest Gros is at work on the scenery of "The Bride Elect," the action of which takes place on the island of Capri, in the bay of Naples. F. Richard Anderson has designed the costumes, some 400 in number. The fact that the libretto of "The Bride Elect" was written by John Philip Sousa has added considerably to the interest already maintained in the presentation of the opera. "The Bride Elect" will be produced at New Haven Dec. 20 and will have three weeks at the Boston theater, commencing Jan. 3. A week in Washington will be followed by a long engagement in Philadelphia, and the new opera will then come to the Knickerbocker theater for its New York run.

Frank L. Perley, manager of the Bostonians and "The Sporting Duchess," was in town the other day and told me he had great hopes of the Bostonians' new opera, "Rip Van Winkle," which will shortly be tried at the Baldwin in San Francisco, with Mr. Barnabee as Rip. Joe Jefferson had better look to his laurels.

I have just heard that "Papa Goo Goo," the piece in which Thomas Q. Seabrooke made an effort to go starring at the opening of the season, is to be presented shortly at Daly's theater. In that case the name of the work will be changed and a cast satisfactory to Mr. Daly will be made up. Everybody who saw "Papa Goo Goo" was delighted with it, and during its short career there were a good many people expressed the opinion that if it had been adequately cast it couldn't have failed to make money. But Mr. Seabrooke was at that time in a condition of mental tumult, which made it almost impossible for him to properly perform the character given into his hands, with the result that the piece was not seen at its best.

Speaking of Seabrooke, reports from London are to the effect that he has made a big personal triumph there in "The White Heather." His wife, Elvia Crox, now says that she has given up the idea of suing Thomas Q. for divorce, as she does not intend to permit him to remarry. This is womanlike.

One of the best groomed actresses to be seen on Broadway nowadays is Anna Boyd. You will all remember her, first as the star of "Zig Zag" and later as the original widow in Hoyt's "A Trip to Chinatown." Anna has had many flattering offers this season, but none of them have suited her. She is possessed of considerable wealth in her own right and can afford to take matters easy.

Charles Coghlan's "new" play, "The Royal Box," has been successfully produced on the road, and the talented brother of the gifted Rose appears to have fortune's smile once more.

Frank Daniels, in "The Idol's Eye," is nearing the end of his engagement at the Broadway. He will be followed by De Koven and Smith's new opera, "The Highwayman." It has been a big hit everywhere.

Two great successes have left us, Richard Mansfield and Julia Arthur, but Maude Adams, John Drew, May Irwin and Nat C. Goodwin will remain indefinitely. Miss Arthur will return in the spring, most likely with a new play. She has certainly established herself as a prime metropolitan favorite.

FRANK CONNELLY.

They Talked of Something Else.

Henry Miller was one of a group recently who were discussing metaphysics, hypnotism and kindred subjects. In the course of the conversation one of the party said, "Did you ever try to make a person turn around by gazing intently at the back of his head and concentrating your thought and purpose on his mind?"

"Nonsense!" observed one of the party, who prided himself on his conquests as a masher.

"It's true," continued the first speaker, "provided the subject you desire to mentally control is weaker than yourself."

"By Jove!" replied the masher, "I'm going to try that the first time I go to the theater and see a pretty girl in front of me."

"But, my dear boy," chimed in Mr. Miller, "you really don't expect to find anywhere a weaker mind than your own, do you?"

The conversation was suddenly changed.

No Fun in This.

A stranded player walking homeward is no fiction of the farcical humorist. Washington has just had a real case in Alice Marshall, who was found hungry and ill in the streets after a journey afoot from Richmond, where the disbandment of a "Hogan's Alley" company had left her without money or friends.

MISS JEFFRIES

Success of a Talented Southern Girl.

After a Triumph In England She Goes to Australia to Support Wilson Barrett.

Miss Maud Jeffries, who is going to Australia to support Mr. Barrett, was born in 1870, "way down south in Dixie," on a cotton plantation in Coahoma county, Miss., and until she reached the age of 12 years she had never seen a city or a village of any kind. The solitude of the surroundings in which she lived so happily was doubtless the means of inculcating in her a love of home, parents and brothers which to this day is one of the most marked of the many beautiful and worthy traits in Miss Jeffries' character.

At this period in her life she was sent to a large college in Columbia, Tenn., where she remained until her nineteenth year. During her school days all the entertainments promoted were placed in her hands to conduct, and every week she was relied upon for an interesting programme for the Friday night concert. Monetary losses of a very serious nature made it necessary for her to earn her own living, and, looking upon the stage as one of the most likely vocations, she wrote to Mr. Augustin Daly, and as a result was given work with him in New York.

Among the various plays she performed in under his management were "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and "As You Like It." It was about this time that Miss Jeffries first saw Mr. Wilson Barrett act, and the romantic element surrounding the plays in which he took part so delighted her that she felt nothing would satisfy her until she became a member of his company.

The outcome of a communication to Mr. Barrett was an offer from him, which Miss Jeffries immediately accepted, and she then made her first journey to England, playing a variety of small parts and understudying some of the larger ones, her first appearance in that country being at Liverpool. Miss Jeffries then went to London, starting at the Olympic theater, and it was shortly after this that Mr. Barrett experienced some little difficulty about a leading lady. Miss Jeffries received an invitation to Mr. Barrett's home, where a few friends had assembled, and after dinner she was asked in a casual way to give the end of the second act of "Claudian." This was done, those present arranging themselves round and forming an audience, and at the conclusion they all expressed the utmost pleasure at her performance.

It was then that Mr. Barrett told her he wished her to play "leading business." She was so utterly surprised at the proposition that she burst out sobbing and said she would not do it, for she not only felt incapable of accomplishing it successfully, but she did not believe in such "jumps." Miss Jeffries immediately cabled home to America, telling her parents that she was leaving England by the next ship. The following day, as Mr. Barrett knew, she was lunching with some American friends, and he sent word to them to do all in their power to persuade her to accept his offer. Miss Jeffries' friends did nothing but talk to her of the advantages which would accrue to her from taking such a position, and eventually, out of sheer desperation, she accepted, and it may safely be said has never regretted it. She had 11 leading parts to get ready in three weeks, and since then she has been constantly with Mr. Barrett, a period of about seven years.

During this time she has played many parts and has appeared in the following plays: "Hamlet," "Othello," "Ben-my-Chree," "The Manxman," "Color Sergeant," "Charterton," "The Miser," "The People's Idol," "The Acrobat," "Jenny the Barber," "A Clerical Error," "Our Pleasant Sins," "The Bondman," "Pharaoh," "The Silver King," "The Stranger," "Claudian," "Virginius," and lastly, "The Sign of the Cross." Miss Jeffries prefers "Virginius," chiefly because it departs somewhat from the beaten track, the interest not lying solely in the love of Icilius for Virginia, but as showing the great love between father and daughter.

The reason Miss Jeffries turned her attention to the stage instead of teaching, which exercised a strong fascination for her, was because her parents felt she was more fitted for such a calling. And they had a good chance of judging, for in early youth—her years could not have numbered more than five in this great world—one of the joys of her father and the many friends assembled for the shooting season was to coax her out of her cozy bed after their day's sport and have her recite some simple or dramatic old poem.

She is passionately fond of an athletic and outdoor life, and her innumerable accomplishments—especially with the gun—are of no mean order. The sweet disposition of Miss Jeffries carries everything before her and makes her loved and respected by everybody.

MISS MAUD JEFFRIES.

How Times Have Changed.

A couple of years ago an actor of any repute was ashamed to admit that he was a member of a "popular price" stock company. He would never take such an engagement if there was anything else to be had, and he knew that his friends knew this. Now, however, the best of them are proud to tell that they have played "an entire season" at such and such a house. The high priced leading men and women are many of them now members of these organizations, and many more have graduated from them into positions of greater prominence and larger salary.

An Interview With Mrs. Fiske.

Mrs. Fiske recently talked about her early experiences in the theater and recalled the impressions made upon her young mind when as a child she nightly accompanied her mother, who was an actress, to the playhouse. The love for the realm behind the scenes that begins in childhood is evidently more true and abiding than that which comes later in life. Mrs. Fiske, while recalling her childhood experiences, touched also upon the sustained youthfulness, endurance and bravery of actresses.

"After it had been determined that I should accompany my mother nightly to the theater," said Mrs. Fiske, "I began a, to me, delightful existence. After entering through the stage door we had to traverse a long dark passage before reaching the stairway which, branching off right and left at the top, led to the stage on one side and the dressing rooms on the other.

"It was coming along this long, damp passage that I first learned to know and love the smell of the theater—that odoriferous medley made up of gas, paint and mold dear to the scent of all true children of the stage; as grateful, as familiar as the salt breeze to the sailor.

"Graduates of dramatic colleges and society ladies who embrace what some members of it insist upon calling 'the profession,' at a certain age, don't as a rule inhale this venerable odor with any large degree of appreciation. Indeed, they usually find it noisome and offensive, but the girl who has breathed it from infancy revels in it. It is her natural atmosphere, and upon my word she seems to thrive on it. Actresses are the strongest, healthiest, youngest women in the world. Where else, pray, save among them, do we find grandmammas so pretty, so lithe, so coquettish as to turn the heads of sons whose grizzled papas dare not recall the days, years agone, when they, too, worshiped at the same shrine? The ordinary matron dons her bonnet at 40, but bless you, Mrs. — —, who did soubrettes with Burton in 1840, still sports a sailor hat, and it is mightily becoming too.

"And then the carelessness with which the actress uses her wondrous power of endurance. It may be that the secret of her strength lies partly in the fact that she has not the time to take to her bed respectably and thus nurse her ills in a conventional and proper manner. It is true, provided there is neither a rehearsal nor a jump to be made, that she is at liberty to be comfortably ill all day. If she likes, but then as she is under contract to be in prime condition by 7:30 in the evening at latest, she finds it scarcely worth while to play the invalid for the few short hours that are her own.

"Oh, ye matinee girl, pausing breathless as he carelessly strolls by all unheeded of your fluttering hearts, yours and Maud's and Clara's, this gracious specimen of young leading manhood, with a bunch of violets in his buttonhole. I wish, dear creatures, I might show you this same young man making one night stands in Texas. But the woman of the stage, she is usually serene, though even amid the cushions of the caboose or perched upon a baggage truck for a three hours' wait at some snow covered station in a western wilderness as she cheerfully swings her feet and watches the sun come up and lip the Rockies."

No More "Casey."

De Wolf Hopper's followers—that is, those who admire his clever comedy methods and his resonant baritone voice—rejoice in his courage. He has at last rebelled against the demand of the galleries to recite "Casey at the Bat." When the comedian began to give that baseball epic on special occasions it was enjoyable. One could hear it with pleasure twice. On the third or fourth hearing it became wearisome. The forty-seventh repetition was a nuisance and endangered the immortal souls of many people of profane inclinations in the audience. Why the gods on high Olympus wanted "Casey" at every performance was never understandable, still less why Mr. Hopper yielded to the demand. For years he has been plainly tired of it and never pretended to be otherwise. At first he used to deliver the mock heroic lines with evident gusto. Latterly he rattled them off with breathless rapidity, as if in haste to finish a disagreeable task, and it was painfully evident to the better class of theater goers who happen to be among the audience that the gallery gods, when they called for "Casey," had no real desire for it, and even out on the Pacific coast, where it was thought "Casey" had never been heard of, there came a vociferous demand for the recitation. Mr. Hopper's speeches between the acts are much more enjoyable. Old timers say that he is the legitimate successor of Dundreary Sothern in that respect, just as Sothern was the successor of John Brougham. It is high time to bury "Casey," not to praise him. Requiescat in pace, in the confident hope of no glorious resurrection. "El Capitan," minus silly and meaningless interpolation, is quite good enough for our theater goers.

What Happened to Broadhurst.

As a football player George H. Broadhurst does not look as if he would prove a startling success. However, it was not so long ago that the author of "What Happened to Jones" was center rush on the Chicago football team. The lo be Mrs. Broadhurst saw her Lothario efield one day, and the intensity, vigor and fury of his high pressure rushes so terrorized the lady that a promise was extracted from him never to play another game, to give up the pigskin for once and for all. Broadhurst promised—a sort of Pickwickian. Pinaforic never!

A big game was announced for the day before the Broadhurstian nuptials, and George H. was inveigled into playing, unknown to the bride to be. When he marched up the center aisle of the church next day a little worse for wear, with his head swathed in bandages, there came very nearly being no wedding, not so much on account of the injuries of the prospective bridegroom, but because there is one thing fair femininity can't forgive—a bold, deceiving, horrid man!

And this is what happened to Broadhurst.

Just a Hint.

If some self styled actors who tread the boards were made to walk the plank, it would go a long way toward elevating the stage.

TOPICS OF THE STAGE WORLD.

Mrs. G. A. Baker, who is 80 years old and who last season celebrated the sixth anniversary of her first appearance on the stage, is with Thomas W. Keene again this season. Mrs. Baker plays only one part, the Duchess of York in "Richard III." She has been a member of Mr. Keene's company for 16 years, having been away from him only one season in that time, during which she was specially engaged to play the Duchess of York to the Richard III of Edwin Booth.

Maude Hoffman, leading lady with E. S. Willard, is a great-granddaughter of the Kentucky pioneer, Daniel Boone.

It is said that there are 750 vaudeville houses now open in the United States and Canada.

Frank L. Perley, not content with directing the fortunes of the Bostonians and "The Sporting Duchess," will shortly assume the management of another important attraction.

Charles Coghlan is soon to star in a play dealing with the time of George IV.

George Thatcher, the merry minstrel boy, has rented a roadhouse near Fanwood, N. J., and will open it as a special attraction for cyclists.

Vernona Jarbeau's "A Paris Doll" company was disbanded in Iowa recently.

In Berlin a new farce is being played in which the animated picture scheme, tried in this country by John J. McNally in "The Good Mr. Best," is employed with what appears to be a high degree of success.

Frederick Warde has resumed his tour in "Iskander."

NOW THE WAGE QUESTION

Fall River Manufacturers Defend Cut Down.

Mills Were Handicapped in Several Ways—Weaver's Secretary on the Wisdom of Pulling up Goods.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 10.—The reduction of wages of the operatives is the sole topic of conversation. The manufacturers are more free in discussing the situation, and are prepared to show why there is a need for the action taken. They say that their competitors in Rhode Island and in the south are able to manufacture goods cheaper and underbid them in the market, and at the same time are unhampered by the restrictive legislation which binds all cotton mills in Massachusetts. In Rhode Island the wage schedule is 10 to 15 per cent lower than in Fall River, and in the south it is considerably lower, being something like 30 to 40 per cent below the Fall River basis. In Rhode Island the 10-hour law is backed with no penalty, and manufacturers have no difficulty in getting operatives to work even longer hours. In other centers there are no strong labor unions to keep after the manufacturers and prevent the violation of the labor laws; and factory inspectors, where there are any, have not strict labor laws of which to demand the endorsement. The proposed reduction has not been ordered with a view of putting Fall River operatives on the same wage basis as the southern operatives, but is intended to allow Fall River to compete with other New England centers.

Labor unions have developed surprisingly withing the past two years, and at the present time over one-third of the operatives in this city are enrolled. These organizations demands regular payments of stated dues, and they are backed by a surplus which will enable them to make a stronger fight than ever before in the history of the city. At the time of the last reduction in 1894, there were no unions except the weavers and spinners, while today there are well organized unions in every department of the mills, and they have $100,000 to wage a fight against reduction.

The schedule of wages will not be completed before the middle of next week, and will then be submitted for approval. It is not improbable that the manufacturers will submit an address to the operatives in the hope of averting trouble. A strike is not courted by them, and if the situation leads up to one, there will be regret both on the part of the manufacturers and operatives.

The attitude of the Bourne, Seaconnet and Fall River Iron Works companies, which are not represented in the association, will be a factor in the situation. The Seaconnet treasurer did not sign the paper which was circulated among the manufacturers, and if these mills should continue under the present schedule it would have an important effect upon the outcome of the matter. It is a fact that there are some who voted for the reduction who did so in the hope that the mills might run.

Secretary Whitehead of the weavers says that the trouble is due to the supply exceeding the demand. The remedy for this is curtailment and not reduction of wages. He felt that any attempt to reduce the cost of production should include the agents and superintendents as well as the operatives. There is little doubt that such action would have put a very different phase on the situation, but this will be difficult to bring about. In mills where stockholders are receiving dividends the directors are opposed to reduction. It is apparent that every effort will be made to avert a strike and bring about an agreement.

SOUTHERN COMPETITION.

Boston, Dec. 10.—Although Boston is the center of the cotton mill business of New England, the men prominently connected with the trade have little to say concerning the action of the Fall River manufacturers in voting to reduce wages Jan. 1. The treasurer of one of the Fall River mills, who was willing to discuss the matter at some length, said he regarded this cut as the beginning of a serious time, not only for the Fall River print mills, but for all the cotton mills, both there and throughout the state, and to a certain extent throughout New England.

The key to the whole situation, he said, is the relative cheapness of southern labor, which could not be better shown than by the fact that it costs a mill in Georgia or North Carolina three and one-half cents to produce a pound of material that in New England would cost six cents. With this fact in mind it is evident that the cut of 10 per cent is not going to help matters much, and the only thing that will do any good at present will be a radical cut of say 20 or 25 per cent. This would inevitably bring on a strike; but with a cut of 10 or 11 per cent he says, there would be little likelihood of a strike, as the operatives are well acquainted with the conditions and know that a reduction of some kind is necessary. Even this would still leave a difference of about 25 per cent in the cost of labor in favor of the southern mills, too great a difference for one to struggle against successfully.

CONDITIONS ARE DIFFERENT.

New Bedford, Mass., Dec. 10.—Matthew Hart, secretary of the Weavers' union, yesterday stated that the conditions in this city are so different that the cut-down would not be likely to be followed here. "In Fall River," he said, "there is a standard grade of goods, prints, and a fixed scale of prices, which is the same all over town. In New Bedford there is such a variety of goods that it is impossible to have any standard of wages."

Mr. Hart believed that a shutdown in Fall River ought to be agreed upon, as the contemplated cutdown will simply mean a cheaper production of goods, and the mills will keep on piling up at full speed, to be sold at cheaper prices. The market will still be over-stocked, and when the manufacturers try to restore prices in the market, they will have a hard fight with the jobbers, while the help will have to fight the manufacturers to get the wages restored.

SITUATION IN MAINE.

Lewiston, Me., Dec. 10.—Lewiston and Auburn mill operatives and agents are speculating upon the possible effect on local manufacturing of the proposed cut-down at Fall River. One agent in an interview said that the market was somewhat influenced by the Fall River mills, and the situation might demand a reduction in wages and curtailment of output. Another said he hoped they would not be compelled to do either, and he did not intend to borrow trouble. A third man said he considered it more advantageous to curtail production than to reduce wages. Conservative business men hope that neither expedient will have to be resorted to.

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FOR SALE—IN PAWTUCKETVILLE, NEW cottage house and land. Price $1850, on easy terms. G. L. Hubbard, 44 Central street.

WANTED—500 PEOPLE TO GET A BIG lunch. Beans and Coffee, 5c. Other dishes at reasonable prices. Coffee Lunch Co., 120 Lakeview avenue.

WANTED—AT ONCE, LADY AND MEN canvassers. Something new. Salary and commission. Empire Clothing Co., Over 97 Central street.

FOR SALE—NEAR BRIDGE STREET, good cottage house and land. Price $1600. G. L. Hubbard, 44 Central street.

FOR SALE—FIVE MILES FROM LOWELL, small farm of 13 acres, cottage house and barn. Price only $1250 and on easy terms. G. L. Hubbard, 44 Central street.

TO LET—A TENEMENT OF 5 ROOMS ON Ludlam street, (new house.) Rent $2 per week. Apply to Coffee Lunch Co., 120 Lakeview Ave.

LOST—A BULL TERRIER RED AND WHITE pup, about four months old. Reward at 13 Willie street.

WANTED—A SMALL TENEMENT CENtrally located for man and wife in respectable surroundings. Apply to "R," Sun office.

CANVASSERS WANTED—IN LOWELL, for a good selling article. Address M. A. Scanlan & Co., P. O. Box 291, Lawrence, Mass.

FOUR AGENTS IMMEDIATELY, TO handle quick seller in Lowell and vicinity, men of experience on house canvassing preferred. 62 Middlesex street, room 22; 2 to 5 only.

LADIES AND GENTS WORRIED OVER business matters, consult Clairvoyant and Palmist (Hand). Readings 25c.; sittings 50c. to $1; for a short time. J. C. Sturgis, 182 Merrimack St., up two flights.

LOST—BLACK AND WHITE SHEPHERD dog, white breast, black back. Finder will return to P. J. Kane, 16 Hazel street, Oaklands, and be rewarded.

LOST—A VALUABLE POODLE DOG, white, with black spot on eye. Finder will be rewarded by returning to 219 Hale street.

FOR SALE—A BIG CHANCE. LODGING House, 9-11 Second Street; thoroughly furnished, paying location. Death only cause for selling out. Apply at premises for information.

LOST—FROM HIS CARRIAGE A PHYSIcian's hand bag containing medicine and instruments. Whoever shall return the same to No. 17 Kirk street shall be handsomely rewarded.

WANTED LADIES WHO ARE WILLING TO work from now till Dec. 20, for $8 per day. Call at Brooks House, Tyler street, from 6 until 9 this evening.

$15 A MONTH

Will buy this splendid 2½ story hip-roof house of 8 rooms pantry and bath rooms, with tub, marble wash bowls, &c., maple floors in kitchen, dining room, pantry and bath room, hot and cold water. Piazza and balcony, nice lot of land, high and dry, very sightly, near cars and schools. Small payment down secures this bargain. Quick or you lose it. A. J. RYAN, No. 29 A, Hildreth Building, (Old Post Office.)

OLD WASHINGTON TAVERN

This old hostelery has been refitted and furnished and is up-to-date in every particular. The best menu of any hotel in the city. Special rates to theatrical and commercial men. Best wines and liquors, everything first class. Our 30c. course Dinner a specialty.

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F. H. HARRIS, Prop. J. J. REGAN, Man.

Trunk Manufactory, 72 Middlesex Street,

(Old Wooden Building.) All orders promptly attended to and work delivered to all parts of the city.

P. F. DEVINE Prop.

THE KLONDIKE CAFE.

120 Middle Street, under new management. Meals served at all hours. Boarders by day or week. Our 20c. Dinners a specialty. Gent's board per week, $3.00. Ladies', $2.25 for 21 meals, also a special dinner ticket. 7 dinners for $1.25. Call and give us a trial, at Leclair's, 120 Middle Street, Cor. of Palmer Street.

TRAINS TO AND FROM BOSTON.

Southern Division.

To Boston. Lve.	Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	Arr.
6 45	7 00	6 00	§7 07
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9 16	10 35	11 40	§12 07
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§11 42	12 23	2 00	§3 04
§12 16	1 05	*3 00	§3 38
1 40	2 06	3 47	5 03
3 00	4 25	4 14	§5 32
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4 23	5 35	5 35	6 35
§5 22	6 15	5 47	6 57
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Sunday Trains.

§7 20	8 10	2 15	§3 05
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§9 19	10 10	5 00	§5 09
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		9 00	10 05

Western Division.

To Boston. Lve.	Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	Arr.
6 50	8 00	7 30	8 35
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9 25	10 39	10 25	11 40
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12 05	1 37	2 15	3 10
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Trains by this division leave Lowell from Middlesex street station.

Leave Boston from the new Union Station, Causeway street.

*Express.

§From Middlesex St. station only.

‖ Runs to Lowell Wednesdays and Saturdays only.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

£ CHRISTMAS DRAFTS £

Payable in Ireland, England, Scotland and all parts of the world. For sale at Murphy's steamship agency, 11 Appleton street. Steamer "Canada" leaves Boston Dec. 9 and will reach Queenstown Dec. 16, in season for Christmas.

BIG GRAY ENAMELED WARE.

We have received a new lot of Tea and Coffee Pots and Preserving kettles. One with a pound of 60c. Tea while they last. Dickson Bros Tea Store, 63 Merrimack street.

LOCAL NEWS.

Smokers enjoy Old Hundred cigars.

T. C. Lee, Fire Ins., 223 Central street.

Elegant rubber-tired hacks at O'Donnell's, Jefferson street. Telephone, 556-3.

Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Rings, Diamonds, cheap. Harris, 10 Appleton street.

BURN WILSON'S COAL.

Cold? Well, buy your coal of Rourke & Sullivan. It will keep your house comfortable. 223 Central street, 984 Gorham street.

Cook, Taylor & Co., Central street, advertise today a big sale of ladies' garments at prices less than actual cost. See ad, for particulars.

The L.C.A.A. football team will go to Andover Saturday, Dec. 11th, to play a game of association football with the North Andover team. The Lowells will leave Merrimack square at 1 o'clock on the electrics.

To rent. Cheap, in Ayer's city, new cottages, corner of Quebec and Plain streets, with garden all fenced in. Inquire of Asa C. Russell, 331 Wilder street, or on the premises Saturday, December 11, between 2 and 3 p. m.

WORKINGMEN AND MECHANICS, THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY.

For sale, cheap, on easy terms, located on D street, near the Shaw Stocking company, on high and dry land, with good sewerage, convenient to schools, churches, and two lines of street cars, piped for gas and water; five cottage houses and one two-tenement house. These houses have all modern improvements and are suitably arranged for families. Part of these houses have just been completed and the rest will be finished, ready for occupancy in a very short time.

Terms liberal. A small amount down and the balance can be paid in monthly instalments.

Anyone desiring to go through these houses and inquire terms and prices, call on J. W. Bennett, the owner, at 564 Middlesex street.

To Cure Constipation Forever,
Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic. 10c or 25c. If C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money

CASTORIA.
The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

Dr. Coburn DENTIST 81 MERK ST.

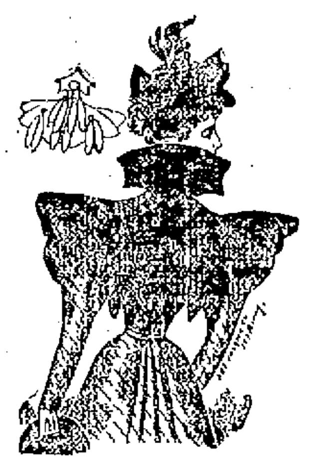
CHRIS HOLMES'

Specialty Cloak and Fur Store,

124 and 126 Merrimack Street.

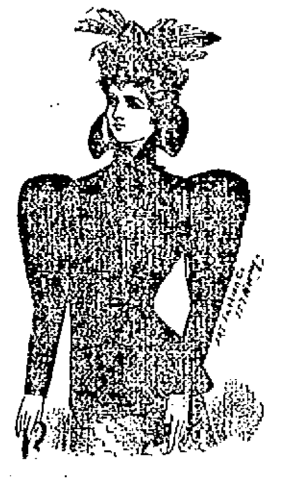
The Fire, Smoke and Water Sale

OF LADIES' HIGH GRADE JACKETS, CAPES, COATS, FURS, ETC., IS A HUMMER.



WHY?

Because the prices we are selling at hardly covers the cost of the linings, say nothing of the outside and makings. We guarantee by far the most phenomenal values ever offered in Cloaks and Furs in the entire New England States.



REMEMBER this catastrophe overtook us just in the height of our season, when our stock and assortment was the largest and best. The insurance companies, appreciating this fact, gave us a good adjustment of our losses, and we are fully determined to turn each and every article into CASH AT ONCE. It doesn't make any difference what you want in our line, you make the most grievous mistake for your pocket book if you don't call at the Genuine Cloak and Fur Fire and Water Sale.

Chris Holmes'

Specialty Store,

124 and 126 Merrimack Street,

XMAS OPENING AT THE BON MARCHE, TODAY AND TOMORROW.

Grand display almost complete. Come and see our mammoth establishment in Holiday Attire.

The Toys are down in the Basement. The Candy at head of basement stairway. The Pictures are upstairs, drapery department. The Rocking Horses, Sleds, Shoo Flys, Doll Carriages and alll arge toys are up stairs drapery department. The Hand Painted Celluloid Goods at cotton underwear. The Books and Diaries in millinery department. The Games are in the basement.

Introductory Specials.

Picture department specials for Friday and Saturday.

100 Pictures at 19 cents each, worth 39 cents.

60 Pictures at 29 cents each, worth 50 cents.

One lot Pictures at 49 cents worth 79 cents.

One lot Pictures at 75 cents worth $1.

100 Pictures Pastels, Game, etc., for 98 cents worth $1.25.

Great values for $1.19 Pictures, worth $1.50.

A beautiful line of Pastels, Arts and High Art Pictures at lowest prices we have ever known.

About Chairs.

We have Rattan Rocking Chairs worth $3.60, for $2.98 each.

Another line of $4.00 Rattan Chairs for $3.40.

A beautiful Chair (stationary rocker) for $6.98, worth $12.00.

Children's Roll Top Writing Desks $1.98 each, worth $3.00.

Easels for 29 cents up. Easels Galore.

Hand Painted Goods.

The beautiful Handkerchief, Glove and Necktie Boxes go on sale at 8 o'clock this morning for 15 cents each or 2 for 25 cents.

The Photo Frames, hand painted, go on sale also for 5 cents each.

(These are found front of main entrance.)

Toys In The Basement.

Going like hot cakes.
5 cent Toys for 2 1-2 cents.
10 cent Toys for 5 cents.
25 cent Toys for 10 cents.
50 cent Toys for 25 cents.
$1.00 Toys for 49 cents.

Going Like Hot Cakes.

Come early in the day and avoid the big rush in the afternoon.

Candy Department.

We are agreeably surprised at the way our patrons flock round the candy counter. Every pound fresh daily. Pea Nut Brittle at 10c. bor. sells fast.

Our Chocolates in Popular Mixtures "Temp" at 19c. pound, is exceptional.

The best mixtures in the market are here at 39c. a pound. Call and see our large stock of Pure Candies.

FREE!

With Every Purchase of 5c and Over We Will Give to All

our customers from now until Xmas a pretty little juvenile book FREE. These books are illustrated by Palmer Cox and the stories are by the Fairy Tales authoress, E. Veale. They are cute and will delight both young and old. Do your Xmas trading here and secure one of these books free.

Saptle Goods.

Such as Gloves, Handkerchiefs Men's Furnishings, Umbrellas, Linens, Hosiery, Underwear, Cloaks, Furs, Dress Goods, Silk Inside Skirts, Leather Goods, etc. etc. We have large lines in each department and are prepared to show the best values in the respective lines we have evershown. Special inducements for Xmas trade. We are the bargain givers on all occasions na all times.

THE BON MARCHE DRY GOODS CO.

CRISP GOSSIP.

Says the Boston Traveller:

Political and social influences have saved Albert M. King, the young man who in May last, absconded with $30,000, the property of one of Boston's national banks, from spending the next five years in a prison cell. This is only one of many instances. King's crime was premeditated. He confessed. In the same court in which King was discharged from custody a young man named Redhead whose family is one of respectability in Lowell, pleaded guilty to a charge of opening a letter containing $1. He was sent to jail for six months. He gave the officials no trouble, as far as his capture was concerned. On the other hand, King stole $29,999 more than Redhead, and kept officers of three states on the jump day and night in their endeavor to capture him. This is "Justice" as she is interpreted.

Members of the local W.T.C.U. will be interested in this comment of a Boston paper:

"There's a heap of trouble in the W.C.T.U. Miss Butler, the superintendent of the purity branch, has written to Miss Frances E. Willard, resigning her position, unless Miss Willard comes out flat-footed against the propositions of Lady Henry Somerset to regulate vice as far as the English army in India is concerned: Here's a howdy-do. Yet it is noticeable that the woman who proposes this regulation is married while the prefixes to Miss Willard's and Miss Butler's names should speak for themselves. It is impossible to behead all who break social rules, and, as Kipling remarks, single men in barracks or in cities or towns or anywhere, for that matter, are not all possessed of the severe moral strength of the heads of the purity branch of the W.T.C.U.

BILLS PAID

BY CITY TREASURER COBURN TODAY.

This is pay day at City Hall. Many of those who have bills against the city were paid. Several bills against the pauper department were not paid, as there was not sufficient money left to the credit of the department.

A few bills contracted by the school department were held up. One was of Edward J. Carroll & Co., for work done in the Manual Training school. Mr. Carroll is at a loss to know why it was not approved. Teachers received their salaries today, as did the employes of the Evening schools.

"City employes should receive proper compensation for their labor, and I shall not permit any violation of the law in regard to the hours of labor in any city departments."—*Hon. Fisher H. Pearson in his letter of acceptance.*

RESIGNATION WITHDRAWN.

Rev. C. L. Merriam will remain as pastor of the Highland Congregational church.

At the church meeting last night, a letter from the pastor was read, in which he agreed to remain with the church.

Deacon Buttrick spoke briefly, urging upon the members that the church stand together, united, one heart and one mind, in pushing the work of the Kingdom.

STOCK MUST BE SOLD!!

Clothing, Hats and Furnishing Goods

Male Attire for all Ages to be Closed Out Regardless of Original Price or Present Value.

Proposed change about first of the year makes this great slaughter necessary at O'Hearn & Dowd's. Sale will continue all this month. Are you a cash buyer? Do you like to dress stylishly? Here is your greatest chance, if money-saving is an object. No special bargains, all big bargains. Everything goes at some price. Changes are bound to take place.

Overcoats, Underwear, Suits, Pants, Shirts, Reefers, Ulsters, Hats, Hosiery

O'HEARN & DOWD, 31 to 39 Merrimack Street

THEY ALL ADMIT IT.

THE NEWS AGENTS, THE NEWSBOYS, THE MERCHANTS, AND THE READING PUBLIC ADMIT THE SUN IS LOWELL'S GREATEST NEWSPAPER.

THE LOWELL SUN

TWO WORLDS

THAT OF SPORT AND OF FUN SUPERBLY ILLUSTRATED—INSTRUCTIVE WOMAN'S PAGE AND HAWAII ILLUSTRATED—ALL IN TOMORROW'S SUN.

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SECOND EDITION

THE WEATHER.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

The weather indications for the ensuing twenty-four hours are as follows: Fair tonight, with probable showers Saturday. South to southwest winds.

Almanac, Sunday, Dec. 11.

Sun rises—7:04; sets, 4:12.
Moon rises—6:21 p. m.
High water—12:30 noon; 12:30 p. m.

ALL HONOR BRYAN

Mexico Gives Him a Hearty Welcome.

PRES. DIAZ SENDS HIS GREETING.

Called Him "Our Silver Friend."

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Laredo, Texas, Dec. 10.—W. J. Bryan entered Mexico in state last evening. He was met by prominent Mexican officials sent by President Diaz and received a telegram from Diaz, welcoming him to the country. He has repeatedly been referred to in the speeches of welcome as "Our great silver friend."

VERY FINE DISTINCTION.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 10.—In answer to inquiries, the Washburn & Moen Manufacturing company states that no wire "trust," properly speaking, is under consideration, but that several of the larger manufacturers are proposing to form a new corporation under the auspices of J. P. Morgan & Co. of New York. It is possible that the Washburn & Moen company may conclude negotiations now going on with J. P. Morgan & Co. for the purchase of the shares of stock of this corporation. In this case there will be no change in the operation of the works under the present management, but simply a transfer of ownership of shares.

PRISONER PARDONED.

Albany, Dec. 10.—Governor Black has granted pardon to Albert H. Smith, who was convicted Dec. 3, 1890, in New York of the crime of forgery in the first degree and sentenced to Sing Sing prison for 17 years. Smith was a member of the firm of Mills, Hobeson & Smith, stockbrokers. By a series of forgeries he defrauded his partners of over $300,000, causing their financial ruin.

A large number of the most prominent citizens of Brooklyn asked for the pardon, and it was earnestly recommended by Austin Lathrop, superintendent of prisons, and by the officers of Sing Sing. The judge who sentenced Smith and the district attorney were also favorable to clemency.

DEMOCRATIC RALLIES.

Will be held in the following wards in Lowell Friday evening, Dec. 10th. Candidates for Mayor, Purchasing Agent, Aldermen, and other prominent Democrats will address the rallies. The rallies will open at 8 p. m. in the following places in the several wards.

Wards 3 and 8, Branch Street Engine House.
Ward 4, Lyon Street Ward Room.
Wards 5 and 9, High Street Engine House.
Ward 6, Fourth Street Engine House.
Ward 7, Fletcher Street Engine House.
Everybody is cordially invited.

The Tabasco club held a banquet at Page's last evening.

50 Highest Awards

Facsimile of the back cloth

On the Genuine Bensons.

to Benson's Plasters as a remedy for the prompt relief and cure of Sciatica, Muscular Rheumatism, Backache, Pleurisy, Pneumonia, etc., which other plasters fail to even relieve. Only the genuine effective. Price, 25 cents.

MORE TABLES.—We are giving a nice Oak or Cherry Finished Table with one pound of our 50c. Tea. Come and see them at O'Brien Bros., Tea Dealers, 77 East Merrimack St. Telephone 69-2.

$7 TO $15

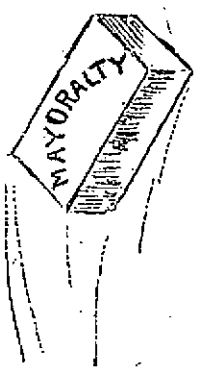
GOOD ORGANS for above prices. Call at once. Must have the room.

GEORGE A. GARDNER,
20 Prescott Street.

Christmas Drafts

On Ireland, England and Scotland. Payable in every town free of discount. Money order agency. Cor. Market and Worthen Sts.

J. F. O'Donnell, Agt.



WELL KNOWN PUBLISHER.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Springfield, Mass., Dec. 10.—Edward H. Phelps, aged 65, died of Bright's disease this morning. He was formerly publisher of the New England Homeside Farmer, and the Home and the American Agriculturalist.

A BIG SYNDICATE.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Lancaster, Dec. 10.—New York and Boston capitalists together with George Van Wyck of Lancaster have purchased all the stock of the Connecticut river lumber company and will form a syndicate with a capital of several million dollars.

LYNN SHOPLIFTERS HELD.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Lynn, Mass., Dec. 10.—Lulu L. Cobb, Mrs. Clara H. Phillips, Miss Florence Manson and Mrs. Ida M. Houston, the Lynn women charged with shoplifting were each held for the grand jury this morning under five thousand dollars bonds. All were prominent and well known and their arrest caused a sensation a week ago.

SMOKE TALK.

The Montauk social club will hold a smoke talk at their room on Monday night.

DON'T FORGET THE WARD RALLIES TONIGHT.

"If the brick stays up, she's mine."

DEMOCRATS NOW UNITED

For One Grand Onslaught on the Bennett Boodlers.

No Answer to the Charge of Plotting Fraud—Liquor Business in Politics Again — How Bennett Reduced Pay of Police—Wilson Men Bulldozed by Bennett Managers—The Councilmanic Candidates.

The prospects for Mr. Pearson's election are becoming brighter with every passing hour. The democratic party is becoming more and more united and it has votes enough to elect the entire democratic ticket. It is to the credit of democrats that they are firmly resisting the financial inducements offered by the Bennett managers to keep them away from the polls on election day.

The most extraordinary measures are being taken by Bennett and his managers to whip into line the obstinate Wilson men, the British Americans and a number of Joe Miller's followers. These men are all honest in their conviction that Mr. Wilson was robbed of the nomination by a plot put up by the republican city committee, by which Colonel Bennett, who carried but two wards, defeated Mr. Wilson who carried five wards. Yet in the face of all this, the Bennett managers are using threats and bulldozing tactics of all kinds to force them into line, so as to swallow Bennett and his boodle methods on next Tuesday.

It is worthy of note that the republican papers this morning have nothing to say of the charges of plotting fraud made in yesterday's Sun against the republican city committee. We stated on the most reliable authority that a gentleman present at the meeting suggested that he were furnished with extra ballots he could vote ten repeaters every hour. The proposition was taken under advisement by the managers and no doubt an effort will be made to carry it out.

Another method by which the Bennett managers are endeavoring to avert the defeat of their chief is by having candidates who are seeking a license for next year go around canvassing men to remain away from the polls at $2 a man. One or two members of the Workingmen's Protective League are out at this business and many others throughout the city. The offers are made in confidence and when the canvassers secure a list of men who promise to remain away, they submit them to their chiefs or to Colonel Bennett himself. The extent to which this species of political boodling is carried on is quite alarming. It is another proof that the license question is again becoming a political issue. The people of Lowell thought that the liquor business was out of politics, but never was it more active than at present when the chief of police is acting through a number of prominent liquor dealers to secure the assistance of as many liquor saloons as can be whipped into line to support Bennett. The usual methods, of course, will be adopted to secure promises of votes, or otherwise to keep democratic voters away from the polls.

The democratic leaders have decided to make the most strenuous efforts to get every democrat out on election day, and any democrat who remains away under the circumstances will be placed under suspicion of being in collusion with the Bennett managers. Another thing feared by the democratic leaders is, that while a number of voters may remain away from the polls on election day, their names will be voted upon perhaps several times by Bennett repeaters. This is what was contemplated by the gentleman at the meeting of the republican city committee when the proposition was made to vote ten men an hour on extra ballots.

It is useless to rely upon the police to prevent anything of this kind, because, the superintendent of police being out for Bennett, it is useless to state that his men will not be detailed to arrest those who will attempt to perpetrate fraud at the polls on election day. Consequently the democratic managers have decided to secure a number of detectives in order to frustrate the schemes put up by the Bennett managers for electing their chief, and if possible, arrest the violators of the law. They will make it hot for the boodlers.

"Nothing but sandwiches and coffee are served as refreshments at the Bennett rallies," says the Courier. How about the lavish displays of wind which are features of all Bennett meetings?

Col. Bennett's application for membership in the A.P.A. must have caused those worthies a shock.

It is said that some of the members of the Workingmen's Protective League actually threatened to go to work if the application of Harry E. Murray for membership was accepted. The Colonel's managers couldn't trust the league, despite its loud and lengthy protestations of support and endorsement and decided to put in a few

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LUNCH BOXES FREE SATURDAY

Our sale of the Mamlock stock of Suits, Overcoats and Ulsters has proven a great success. A thousand times we had to answer to that old inquiry,

"Why Do You Sell Them so Cheap?"

Our Christmas trade begins next week. We had nine days to turn the Mamlock stock into cash, that's why tomorrow marks the closing day and to signalize the occasion, will give free, to men only, between the hours of 1 and 2 p. m., Saturday, about 150 Lunch Boxes. Not asked to buy, leave your autograph and take a Lunch Box, free. Fact is we feel in a generous mood to the men of Lowell for their response to our sale of the Mamlock stock, and though we give away Lunch Boxes, prices will be no higher.

Suits $6.75 and $7.50.
Overcoats $6.75 to $11.50.
Ulsters $6.50, $10.50.

Merrimack Clothing Company.

SUN EXTRA

5 O'CLOCK.

LEAD OF 68 MILES

Miller's Trainer Fears That He Will Lose His Mind.

RICE IS PUSHING HIM VERY HARD.

Teddy Hales Taken a Big Brace.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

New York, Dec. 10.—Only sixteen men were on the track this morning in the big race. Moore was thrown from his wheel and badly cut. He was obliged to retire from the race. Although Miller has a lead of 68 miles, it is still anybody's race. He dare not sleep, as Rice is after him. Miller's trainer feared this morning that Miller's mind would give way if he did not sleep. Teddy Hale was fifth this morning and steadily creeping up. He has passed his own record of last year.

Rice is beginning to show the effects of the terrible strain and his trainers are having hard work to keep him on the track. He was given stimulants all day. Miller is giving way. At the end of the race last year, he went crazy. The score at 1.15 o'clock was Miller, 1743; Rice, 1674; Riviere, 1659; Schinner, 1615; Hale, 1550. The best previous record was 1504 miles by Hale last year.

A NARROW ESCAPE

Boiler Maker's Perilous Position.

FIRE STARTED WHILE HE WAS IN THE CHIMNEY.

And He Was Completely Roasted.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 10.—Michael Purcell, a boiler maker, was making repairs inside the smoke stack of the steamer Wellington at her wharf this morning when six fires were started below him. He was strapped to a chair suspended from the top of the stack and forty feet above the dampers. It was impossible to go up and to go down meant to be roasted alive. Dense volumes of hot smoke rolled about him, and his clothing caught fire. He beat on the iron and shouted. It was ten minutes before his helper on the outside realized his danger. He drew him up just as the rope supporting him was catching fire. Purcell is in a critical condition.

DURRANT'S CASE AGAIN.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

San Francisco, Dec. 10.—The papers in the Durrant case have been filed here. It is expected Durrant will be sentenced for the third time on Tuesday and hanged on the first Friday of the new year.

FITZSIMMONS AGAIN.

SAYS HE IS OUT OF THE RING FOREVER.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Rock Island, Ill., Dec. 10.—Bob Fitzsimmons said today that his wife never said she would give her consent to his going into the ring again. Even if she did, he would not give Corbett another chance. He is out of the ring forever.

MURDERER LYNCHED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Wesson, Miss., Dec. 10.—Charles Jones, the negro who murdered Mrs. Brown Smith and her four children here Wednesday was captured and lynched by an infuriated mob a few miles from here today.

MRS. McKINLEY'S CONDITION.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Canton, O., Dec. 9.—Mrs. McKinley was still living this morning, but is exceedingly weak. She passed a restless night. She shows remarkable vitality in one so old.

WEIRD FEATURE OF A FUNERAL.

Probably the most remarkable funeral on record was that of the animal showman Pezon, held in Paris recently. In the menagerie the obsequies were held. All the place was draped in black and the entrance hall to the show became a sort of mortuary chapel. At the close of the religious ceremonies the coffin was borne by the pallbearers down the aisle between the cages.

And then the most weird feature of this weird funeral occurred. As though they realized the loss of their old master, the lions and tigers, the bears and leopards and all the strange creatures of the cages began to wail plaintively together. So that the coffin was carried out to the sound of their lamentations.—New York Journal.

First class job printing done at this office.

GREAT TROUBLE

In the Ranks of Bennett's Managers.

"JOE" MILLER CANNOT SPEAK TO NIGHT.

The Republicans Protest Against Him.

Bennett's managers are in a peculiar and very unpleasant position. The old A.P.A. fight is being revived.

Joe Miller was asked to speak at the big meeting in Huntington hall tonight. So were many of the old guard republicans. The latter accepted, not knowing that Miller had been visited. When they learned through the papers that Miller would speak they notified the republican managers that they could not attend.

The Bennett managers were unable to understand this move on the part of the speakers and asked for a reason.

They were willing to reply, and frankly stated that they did not think that Miller had any right to speak at a republican rally, inasmuch as he was the cause of disrupting the republican party. "You must notify him not to attend," they said, "or else we cannot go." A letter was sent to Mr. Miller explaining the circumstances and requesting him not to attend the meeting.

The outcome will be awaited with interest.

A prominent republican is authority for the story and when a member of the republican city committee was asked about it, he said: "I can't deny it."

THE ELKS' MEETING.

An attempt will be made tonight to drag the Elks into politics. The constitution of that order prohibits interference in political or religious matters. Hon. Frank Howe is the perpetrator of this movement that threatens a disruption of the local lodge if the program is carried out. A short time ago Col. Bennett was initiated into the Elks. Frank Howe has not been in Elks' hall for four years while a meeting was in progress. But he has organized a meeting for tonight which is of a political character and calculated to boom Bennett. Members of the order are bitterly opposed to the plan.

KANSAS PACIFIC SALE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Attorney General McKenna has taken steps towards the postponing of the sale of the Kansas Pacific road for two months, on account of the Senate resolution yesterday.

DOLLS, DOLLS, DOLLS.

Grandest display of Dolls and Christmas Goods of all kinds at J. Drain's, 111 Gorham street, to be found in the city. Thousands of useful Christmas presents to be found in our stock. Jointed dolls, 5c. Jointed dolls, 10c. Extra large jointed and sleeping dolls, 26c., worth 50c. Talking dolls, 49c., worth $1. Dolls of all kinds. Pocket books, silk handkerchiefs, silk mufflers, and silk handkerchiefs of all sizes and prices. Head rests, cotton and linen and silk initial handkerchiefs for everybody.

Aprons, Aprons, Aprons. Greatest value ever seen in Aprons. Aprons, 10c, worth 20c. Aprons, 12½c., worth 25c. Aprons, 25c., worth 50c. Aprons, 49c., worth $1. In fact, everything at prices that will surprise you. Don't hurry and rush to do your shopping, days. Come down any evening and we will wait on you. Open every evening. Special sale of wrappers today. Don't miss it.

DISBARMENT PROCEEDINGS.

In the Superior court at East Cambridge yesterday forenoon, the exceptions filed by B. D. O'Connell, Esq., in his disbarment case were reviewed before Judge Richardson. Mr. O'Connel was requested to eliminate some of his exceptions but has not yet determined whether he will or not. The matter will be taken up again Saturday. Mr. O'Connell appeared for himself and Hon. B. B. Johnson of Waltham for the petitioners.

"I promise, for myself and my party associates, if elected, that we shall give the city better results with lower taxes than have been given heretofore."—*Hon. Fisher H. Pearson in his letter of acceptance.*

ATHLETIC EXHIBITION.

Joe Flaherty was this morning given a license to hold an athletic and specialty exhibition in Associate hall on December 20.

Hood's Pills

Stimulate the stomach, rouse the liver, cure biliousness, headache, dizziness, sour stomach, constipation, etc. Price 25 cents. Sold by all druggists. The only Pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Full Dress Suits:

MEN'S Full Dress Suits made by Rogers, Peet & Co., correct to the most minute detail. Made from fine worsted, twills and granites. The finest with coat full silk lined. Tailors charge as much again for them as we ask. Prices $25.00 to $45.00.

BOYS' DRESS Tuxedo Coats, silk faced, low out dress vest, short trousers; made from fine worsted twills, in sizes from 11 to 16 years.

EVERY THING that men require for evening wear, absolutely correct, dress shirts, cravats, gloves, collars and cuffs, satin chest protectors—all of the accessories.

PUTNAM & SON,
No 166 CENTRAL STREET.

LATEST

LUETGERT WEPT

For the First Time Since His Arrest.

WHEN BEGGED BY HIS LITTLE CHILD

To Go Home With Him Again.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—For the first time since his incarceration, Adolph Luetgert, the wealthy sausage maker now on trial for the second time for the murder of his wife, gave way to his emotions last night and wept. His little children were standing on a table and one said: "Papa, why don't you come home any more? You promised to come a long while ago. I want you to come now. Why don't you come?" "I can't, child," he answered. Then putting the boy down, he turned away, with the tears streaming down his cheeks.

DEMOCRATIC RALLIES WILL BE HELD IN WARDS THREE, FOUR, SIX, SEVEN AND NINE FRIDAY NIGHT.

Mr. T. F. Hall was eighth prize winner in the membership getting contest of the L.A.W. recently completed. There were 37 prize winners in all. He also received an honor certificate.

CHRISTMAS DRAFTS

On the Old Country at Market Rates.

£ DRAFTS $4.87½.

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100 PIANOS

The M. Steinert & Sons Co.

Having just consummated the above gigantic purchase with the well known and popular New England Piano Co., of Boston, are now prepared to give the greatest bargains in New Pianos ever offered in Lowell, at their warerooms,

34 Prescott Street.

This announcement should not fail to secure the recognition of every piano buyer in this city.

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GRAND ANNUAL EXPOSITION AND SALE OF

FANCY AND STAPLE GOODS FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Now in full force. Each and every counter has special magnet and the Christmas shoppers' task will be made easy when she visits our store. The array of Christmas Attractions in every department has never equalled the present season. MAKE YOUR SELECTIONS NOW. CHRISTMAS IS NEAR AT HAND. OUR PRICES WILL HELP YOU.

Grand Christmas opening display of

HANDKERCHIEFS.

Cases of fresh goods have been delivered to us direct from Ireland, from France, from Switzerland and from Japan.

Nothing can surpass the exquisite beauty of the Swiss embroidered handkerchiefs of Japanese silk in all white and delicate shades of colored silk embroidery.

500 doz. All Linen Hemstitched and Scalloped embroidered Handkerchiefs, in a great variety of patterns, 10c., 12½c., 15c., 19c. and 25c. each.

300 doz. Ladies' and Gents' pure Irish Linen and Japanese silk Handkerchiefs in plain, hemstitched, from 1 to 2 inch hem, 12½c., 17c., 25c., 33c., 49c., 75. and 98c. each.

100 dozen Valenciennes lace edge and scalloped embroidered Handkerchiefs, all pure Irish Linen, the daintiest patterns possible to embroider, 25c., 39c., 49c., 69c., 75c. and $1.00 each.

50 dozen Swiss embroidered Silk Handkerchiefs in very rich and elegant designs, 50c., 75c., 95c. and $1.25 each.

Men's large Brocade Mufflers in black and cream only, 50c., 75c., 98c., $1.25, $1.50 and $1.75 each.

Boxes. Boxes. Boxes.

All sorts of pretty fancies in boxed Handkerchiefs for men, women and children. Some of the boxes have Christmas cards already attached to them in dainty fashion. Don't judge of qualities by the prices. Handkerchiefs at our store are apt to be finer than others at same price.

CHRISTMAS APRONS.

The most beautiful assortment ever displayed in Lowell. The assortment comprises white muslin and nainsook Aprons, lace, hamburg and ribbon trimmed, in short, medium and extra sizes, also new style bib aprons, prices range from 12½c. to $1.50 each.

Christmas Present for the Baby.

Will be found in abundance on our Infants' wear counters. Pretty, dainty dresses, cashmere, Flannel and worsted Sacques, Bibs, Bootees, Kid Shoes, Embroidered Blankets and Wrappers, Fur Sets and Bonnets, Elegant Coats. In fact, evrything useful and pretty for the baby.

Ladies' Cashmere and Flannel House Wrappers.

A pretty wrapper is a favorite gift, and a sensible one. The wide range of colors we are showing enables you to suit any complexion and as to style you can have it as simple or elaborate as you please, prices range from $3.00 upwards.

Cloak and Fur Dept.

Every Jacket and Cape in our stock reduced from 25 to 33 per cent.

FOR HOLIDAY SALE.

The most extraordinary values ever offered in up-to-date styles.

BOOK DEPT.

Nothing more suitable for a Xmas gift than BOOKS.

We can save you from 25 to 50 per cent. on the publishers' prices. Our department is located at the right of the main entrance and here will be found a beautiful collection of books for boys and girls. Standard books in sets or single volumes by popular authors, together with the most beautiful assortment of toy books ever displayed in Lowell at prices ranging from $1. upwards.

UMBRELLAS

For Ladies and Children.

Our assortment for the holidays is by far the largest ever shown in our city and the materials include silk, serge or gloria with a variety of fancy handles in pearl, natural wood or sterling trimmings, prices range from 98c. to $7.50 each.

JEWELRY DEPT.

Marvelous Bargains.

Ladies' Silver Chatelaines, $1.75 each.

Sterling Silver Manicure Sets, $1.25, $1.50 and $3.00 each.

Sterling Silver Garter Buckles, 98c. and $1.25 each.

Sterling Silver Ladies' Hat Pins, 25c. and 50c. each.

Sterling Silver Bag Tags, 25c., 39c., 50c. and $1.00 each.

Novelties in Sterling Silver, Nail Files, Glove Buttoners, Paper Cutters, Bracelets, etc., at 25 per cent. discount from jewelry store prices.

Our Basement Dept.

Is Santa Claus stamping ground. The most complete and best assorted stock of Toys, Dolls Games and Fancy Novelties ever shown the people of Lowell.

A few items will afford a brief idea of what the stock consists:

Dolls of every description, kid, dressed, knitted, and rubber, Dolls Go Carts, and Carriages, Shoo Flys, Rocking Horses and Galloping Horses, Express Wagons, Children's Carts, Iron Toys of every conceivable kind, including Hook and Ladders, Hose Carriages, Wood Teams, Ox Teams, Banks, Magic Lanterns, Steam Engines.

Children's Tea Sets, 10c., 15c., 25c., 50c., and $1.00 each in china or pewter.

Toy Boats, 25c., 50c., and $1.00 each.

Drums, Pianos, Stoves, and Blackboards, 25c., 50c., 75c., and $1.00 each.

Roller Chimes, Boys' and Girls' Sleds, Nine Pin games, Fancy Baskets, together with a great variety of popular games, from 5c. to 50c. each.

Celluloid Novelties.

Choice things for Holiday Gifts at very little money.

Glove, Necktie, Handkerchief, Collar and Cuff Boxes, at 50c., 75c., $1.49, $1.98, and $2.98 each.

Button and Trinket Baskets with hand painted covers at 25c. each.

Glass Jewel Cases, with fancy metal covers, at 49c., 69c., 98c., and $1.25 each.

Fancy Ink Stands, at 98c. and $1.49 each.

Celluloid Novelties.

Continued.

Paper Cutters, Pocket Combs, Babies' Squeaking Balls, at 25c. each.

Stamp Boxes, Paper Cutter and Blotter and white metal, at 39c. each.

Hand Painted Match Holders, at 33c. each.

Fancy Boxes of Stationery at 25c., 29c., 39c., 69c., and 75c. each.

ART DEPT.

December is a great month on the art counter. Practical holiday thinking whispers, "Give something in fancy work." All things conspire to awaken interest in the art department. For instance, Trimmed Toilet Bottles and Cushions from 69c. to $5.00.

Sofa Pillows in figured denim and Roman stripe silks, from 98c. to $5.00.

Denim Table Covers, embroidered and ready for use, 75c., 98c., $1.25, $1.39 and $1.50 each.

Silk Lambrequins and Table Covers, Pin Baskets, Letter Files, Match Holders, Folios, Magazine Holders, Handkerchief Cases at prices amazingly low.

Men's Furnishing Dept.

Here are some choice goods opened today. NECKWEAR.

Men's Fancy Neckwear for holiday gifts in tecks and four in hands, at 25c. each.

Fancy Neckwear in light and dark plaids, tecks, four-in-hands, puffs, and Imperials, at 50c. each.

Men's Furnishing Dept.

Continued.

Tecks, puffs, and four-in-hands in very new silk, elegant patterns, at 75c. each.

Fancy Silk Arm Elastics in a great variety of colors, at 19c., 25c., 50c., 75c., and 98c. each.

Gents' Silk Suspenders in plain colors and silk embroidery, 50c., 75c., $1.00, $1.25, and $1.50 each.

Men's Night Shirts, Kid Gloves, Fur Gauntlets, Fancy Bosom Shirts, etc., Specially Low Priced for the Holiday Sale.

FURNITURE DEPT.

Innumerable useful articles for holiday gifts. Fancy Chairs, Parlor Cabinets, Pedestals, Writing Desks, Book Cases, Fancy Tables, Sideboards, Couches, Jardiniere Stands, Onyx Tables, and a host of new up-to-date pieces which we want to sell in our holiday sale and have marked them at least 20 per cent. less than the same goods retail for anywhere in New England.

Electric Jackets.

Two special values for holiday sale, at $25 and $35 each. Excellent skins, good lining, well made and by far the best offer of the season.

LINEN DEPT.

Irish and German Table Linens in piece goods and sets, Towels, Doylies, Scarfs, etc., the most magnificent display ever made in Lowell and several bargain lots go on sale today.

An Important Sale of

New Teas

In which every housekeeper in Lowell will be interested will open

Saturday Morning at 9 O'Clock

A special importation this week of high grade teas at prices hitherto unknown in Lowell.

6 lbs. of good 40c. Oolong or English Breakfast Tea for $1.00.

5 lbs. fine 50c. Formosa, English Breakfast, Oolong, or Japan Tea, for $1.00.

4 lbs. best 60c. Formosa, Oolong or English Breakfast, Assian, Gunpowder, or Japan Tea, for $1.00.

3 lbs. best 80c. Tea, all kinds, for $1.00.

Coffees.

5 lbs. best 38c. Mocha or Java Coffee, for $1.50.

1 lb. best 38c. Mocha or Java Coffee, for 33c.

5 lbs. best 35c. Mocha or Java Coffee, for $1.00.

1 lb. best 35c. Mocha or Java Coffee, for 24c.

Whole, Bean, Pulverized, or Ground.

We guarantee these teas and coffees to give satisfaction or money refunded.

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HOW IT IS DONE.

"Hello, old boy. What are you driving at now?"

"O, I've been carrying the banner for the last three months, but I can't seem to strike anything."

"Well, that's pretty tough. Here's a chance for you to earn a dollar. That suit of yours is a little on the hog, but I can give you a scheme whereby you can get a new one."

"All right, Billy. You're a star. You're the man I have been looking for. What's the scheme?"

"A party told me that the Bennett men wanted to get a few clever fellows like you to do a little repeating on election day, and I have been told on pretty good authority that they would be willing to pay $5 for every name that you can vote on."

"That's all right. It's a good thing, and I'll push it along. You can bet before the polls close I will have money enough Wednesday to buy me a new suit of togs. If I had a quarter now, I would blow myself; but if you will only set them up today, I will return the compliment Wednesday, when the ship comes in."

IN CENTRALVILLE

The Bennettites Held Forth Last Evening.

TEDDY WIER MAKES SEVERAL INJUDICIOUS REMARKS.

Joe Bickford Not Allowed to Poetize.

"I have here a paper I want to read to you," growled Col. Jim at a motley crowd of listeners in Odd Fellows' hall, Centralville, last night.

"Is it The Sun?" yelled back a wee bit of a joker in the crowd, whereupon all faces unbuttoned and there was a laugh.

"Naw, it ain't. It's the Courier," growled back the Colonel, as amiably as a hungry bull pup, and there was a silence that betokened the speedy larding of the Hog Combine.

It was an article on what Jim said about not making promises, and the republican city committee will furnish salt to all who intend taking it.

Boodle, red fire, music, Joe Bickford, and Louie MacBrayne, the first "a" being of the vintage of '95, were among the features of the great Bennett rally in Centralville last evening. There was a parade and a lot of Bennett's red fire for a starter. Then there was the meeting.

Among those who attended was Joe Bickford, the poet, who had his latest effusion, entitled "Our City Election," up his sleeve, which he had prepared with great care for the occasion. The only one who heard it was myself, but as he delivered it in the next room to the one in which I was endeavoring to write at 11 p. m., I didn't appreciate it.

Joe went over to Centralville, all dickeyed up to deliver the poem. He sat on the stage and he'd be sitting there yet if he sat until they called on him, because it got rumored about that Joe was janitor of The Sun building, and that was enough for the Bennett crowd. Joe was frozen out most severely.

With all the music the hall wasn't filled, though a few in the audience appeared to be. There were several democrats there and the Hog Combine was there to the extent of two.

Arthur Cluer called to order and read a long list of vice presidents who weren't there and introduced George H. Marstan as chairman. He said that every boy, girl, and child born in Lowell owed $40,000, but jumped it down to $40, city debt.

Colonel Bennett was the first speaker. He's been a republican since 1851 and as he voted the Whig ticket before that he must be old enough to know better. Then he flagged the Hog Combine by saying that he was pledged to no one.

Hon. John C. Wilson spoke very nicely about the board of aldermen.

Aristocratic Frederick Lawton said the better element was in the republican party, and told his hearers that the reporters in the democratic papers would abuse him for saying so. Then he made a lame attempt to explain himself.

And then Fred Wier, the astute district attorney, who understands the art of challenging jurors better than making political speeches put his foot in it by claiming that the election would bring the police department and the liquor business into politics and that neither were in politics now. They're both in it head over heels and working for Bennett

City Solicitor Qua gave an opinion and made a grand stand play by quoting a lot of big figures and telling the audience that they must furnish the money that those figures represent.

Senator Putnam told about men who predicted Bennett's election in his store.

Aime Gauthier, redacteur de L'Etoile made one dramatic speech. He pushed up Bennett's majority to 1100 as he knew two families who were going to support him. Alderman Eastman, G. H. Tryder, Representative Rowell, and L. E. MacBrayne of the Hog Combine, also spoke. There were two or three other Bennett rallies last night in different sections of the city.

"I shall refuse to sanction any expenditure of the city's money for junkets, so called, or for any similar purpose."—*Hon. Fisher H. Pearson in his letter of acceptance.*

Everybody Says So.

Cascarets Candy Cathartic, the most wonderful medical discovery of the age, pleasant and refreshing to the taste, act gently and positively on kidneys, liver and bowels, cleansing the entire system, dispel colds, cure headache, fever, habitual constipation and biliousness. Please buy and try a box of C. C. C. today; 10, 25, 50 cents. Sold and guaranteed to cure by all druggists.

FREE!

A beautiful 6-sheet art calendar given away free to purchasers of FAIRY SOAP. This calendar is 10x12 inches in size, is designed by some of America's best artists, lithographed in 12 colors, and can be secured only through your grocer during the holiday season. Ask him for particulars. If he does not sell FAIRY SOAP—pure, white, floating—send us his name and we will tell you where you can get a

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December 16, 1895.

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Gentlemen:—The genuine Johann Hoff's Malt Extract has been used in my family for some years.

Chauncey M. Depew

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JOHANN HOFF'S MALT EXTRACT.
ALL OTHERS ARE WORTHLESS IMITATIONS.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

The Boston prize terrier Peter, owned by T. Hollander of Boston and valued at $1000, died while being brought from Pawtucket to Boston.

Alfred Lepine of Woonsocket, R. I., died yesterday as the result of injuries received at the River spinning mill by an iron roll crushing him badly.

Rear Admiral Joseph F. Green died at his home in Brookline, Mass., last evening. He had been ill for a long time, suffering from a complication of diseases.

An elderly man who gave his name as George W. Cole was arrested in Portland, Me., on suspicion of having passed a worthless check and attempting to pass several more.

Rates for plate glass insurance will probably soon be cut in every state. The compact for business in Wisconsin, Illinois, Missouri, Minnesota, Kansas and the Dakotas has already been declared off.

Ira Whitener died in Woodsville, N. H., yesterday afternoon, aged 82 years. Few men were better known in business and political circles in northern New Hampshire. He was a large dealer in lumber and an extensive owner of real estate.

By direction of the court the inquest in the cause of the death of Joseph Laplante, for whose murder J. B. Guillemain was arrested and taken to St. Hyacinthe, Que., is proceeding with closed doors, the court fearing that if the proceedings were public it would be impossible to secure a jury.

The solicitor of the treasury has rendered an opinion in which he holds that Chinamen who failed to register under the act of Nov. 3, 1893, are not lawfully in this country, although they may have registered under the act of May 5, 1892. Chinamen who have been excluded by collectors of customs may be summarily excluded without process of law in case of a second attempt at entry.

BET ON THE WINNER.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 10.—The Allan line steamer Parisian and the Cunard line steamer Gallia, the latter under charter to the Beaver line, sailed for Liverpool yesterday afternoon within 35 minutes of each other, and it is believed they will have a race across the ocean.

The Beaver line recently secured the contract to carry the Canadian mails to England, a service which the Allan line had performed for many years, and it is considered quite certain that neither the officers of the Gallia nor those of the Parisian care to reach the British coast behind the other on this trip.

The Parisian got away a quarter of an hour ahead of the Cunarder. The latter goes to Moville first, while the Allan steamer goes direct to Liverpool. Both carry large numbers of passengers.

IMPOSSIBLE TO PREDICT.

Canton, O., Dec. 10.—At 11:30 last night Mrs. McKinley was living, but very weak. When the doctor left her he had some hope of her surviving the night, but said the case had reached that point where it was impossible to make any prediction with the slightest assurance of certainty. The patient rested quietly and at times showed scarcely any evidence of animation.

Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets.
Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. 10c, 25c. If C. C. C. fail, druggists refund money.

First class printing done at this office.

AN ELASTIC DOCTRINE.

Paris, Dec. 10.—The Times, commenting upon the settlement of the German-Hayti trouble, says: President Sam and his colleagues imagined that the convenient and elastic Monroe doctrine would apply to their case. This little calculation was wrong. The United States were not anxious to advertise or extend their solidarity of negro states. On the other hand, the last reproach which can be urged against the policy of Washington is not taking into account the relative strength of nations. America does not wish to embroil itself with Germany merely for the beautiful eyes of the black republic.

"A measure must be either right or wrong. If right it should be adopted; if wrong it should be rejected."—*Hon. Fisher H. Pearson in his letter of acceptance.*

Chris. Holmes is now having a fire, smoke and water sale of ladies' high grade jackets, capes, coats, furs, etc., and it is a hummer. Now is the time to buy if you want to get a big bargain. Don't forget the place, 124 and 126 Merrimack street.

Triumph of Merchandising.

The Shirt Event of '97

Tomorrow 50 dozen Garner's Percale Shirts, laundered, attached collars and cuffs. Regular price $1.00, for

50c. EACH.

Made up by the Eclipse Shirt Company, the leading high Shirt manufacturers of America. Three to a customer. As a bargain event, this double discounts our great Shirt Sale in August.

O'Hearn & Dowd

OLD POST OFFICE.

Bon Ami

THE MODERN CLEANER
IS USED IN THE FORM OF A LATHER.
All Grocers.

AMOSKEAG WAGES.

Manchester, N. H., Dec. 10.—Agent Herman F. Straw of the Amoskeag corporation stated that the cutdown in cotton mill wages in Fall River would not be followed in this city, and that Fall River's action pertained only to the mills of that city, and it was not probable that the example would be followed in other New England cities.

"I shall, if elected, at all times welcome the counsel and advice of all citizens, irrespective of political affiliations, upon matters concerning the public weal."—*Hon. Fisher H Pearson in his letter of acceptance.*

Boston's checker club is going to play Lowell's checker club on Christmas day and doesn't intend, either, says the Globe, to make it a Christmas present of the game.

GOLD DUST WASHING POWDER

Dirt of any kind on anything quickly yields to the easy effort of the housewife who uses this great cleaner. Largest package—greatest economy. Ask the grocer for it.

Reliable Attendance

No More Use for Midwives.

Do not risk your life in confinement. Dr. A. Wilinski, German Physician, having 14 years' experience, will give you the most careful attention, for which he will not charge you more than $6.00, and you are always saved. Come and make your application.

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PIANOS.

The best Pianos, the best trades, the lowest prices you find at

GREEN'S,

228 CENTRAL STREET. Lake Block.

DEMOCRATS NOW UNITED.

(Continued from Page 1.)

trusted men to keep tabs on the club. Harry was one of them. Harry Murray an orator in the Workingmen's Protective League! Ye gods!

Mr. Barnard has told us how much he saved on the purchase of supplies, that have depreciated in market value since last year. Will he inform us before Tuesday how much he saved on the purchase of flour and other articles that have appreciated?

A well known republican dry goods dealer met Mr. Barrett, the democratic candidate for purchasing agent Wednesday night and said to him "Mr. Barrett, I am going to vote for you this year. I was a supporter of Barnard last year, and have supported the republican ticket all my life. I was given to understand by Mr. Barnard himself that all dealers would have a show when he got into office. I have waited 10 months in vain to see him do business impartially and have at last been forced to believe what I always suspected, that he is the tool of a few firms."

The speakers for Col. Bennett's big rally will meet at the Richardson House before going to the hall tonight lest they be troubled wth frog in the throat while speaking. But why the Richardson House, Colonel? There's the Franklin and a number of other hotels just as convenient and wherein the Colonel might feel more at home. Besides, he would be closer to the "Factor and Agent," Jack Donnelly.

Col. Jim's move to work the influence of the Royal Arcanum to get him votes was a decided frost. The Colonel has attended just two meetings of his council since he became a member, one a week before the election last year and the other last week.

By electing Andrew E. Barrett to the position of purchasing agent, the citizens of Lowell will see the object of those who suggested the office carried out. Mr. Barrett will conduct the duties incumbent upon him in a business like manner and the city will be saved from extravagance.

Thomas F. Connolly expressed surprise because he was challenged in the last republican caucus. He said in his speech last night that he could not understand why it was done. The Sun will tell him why. Does he remember standing on Central street about three months ago, and in the presence of some friends denouncing the republican party and saying: "I am through with the republican party and hereafter I will go to the polls and vote as I please?" That is why Mr. Connolly was challenged. It is also remembered that Mr. Connolly was once a candidate for office in the people's party, and even for office in the democratic party.

Every policeman in Lowell will vote for James W. Bennett if he wants to have his pay reduced.

In June, 1876, Colonel Bennett was elected to the Common Council to fill a vacancy. He took his seat at the meeting held on the evening of June 27. At that meeting he got himself elected a member of the finance committee and appointed to membership on the committees on accounts and lands and buildings. He beat Willis Farrington of old Ward Six for the place on the finance committee. That was twenty years ago. Even as long ago as that the Colonel never failed to balk the ambition of a Belvidere republican if he could.

The Colonel served in the Common Council until 1878. In the latter part of 1877 he was a member of the committee on salaries which at his instigation made considerable reductions in salaries and wages. The day and night policemen were cut from $2.75 a day to $2.37½. There was a long controversy over the adoption of the committee's report. The resolution went back and forth between the Board of Aldermen and the Common Council eleven times. Colonel Bennett made a hard fight to cut the policemen's pay down to $2.37½ a day, but he was finally beaten and the pay of policemen was fixed at the figure of the previous year, $2.75 a day.

The Common Council fixed the pay of policemen at $2.50 a day, Bennett voting "No." There were two roll-calls on concurring with the Board of Aldermen in fixing the policemen's pay at $2.75 per day in stead of $2.37½. These roll calls resulted as follows, as may be seen by consulting the records of the Common Council at City Hall:

FIRST.

"Yeas—Messrs. Coburn, Courtney, Davis, Goulding, Grady, Hallowell, Hanson, Harding, Kelley, Kimball, Maxfield, Manning, Munn, Pickman, Robbins, Sanborn, Stiles and Walker—13.

"Nays—Messrs. Bennett, Bledgett, Cushing, Goodale, King and Lynch—6."

SECOND.

"Yeas—Messrs. Bledgett, Coburn, Courtney, Grady, Hallowell, Harding, Kelley, Manning, Maxfield, Munn, Pickman, Robbins and Sanborn—13.

"Nays—Messrs. Bennett, Cushing, Davis, Goodale, Goulding, Hanson, Kimball, King, Lynch, Stiles, and Walker—11."

This is why every policeman on the force who would like to have his pay cut down next year will vote for James W. Bennett for Mayor.

Mr. Editor—In the coming municipal election, the people have a chance to strike a blow against bad government in city affairs. I am a republican in national and state affairs, but in city elections I have always voted for the man best fitted for the office.

The democrats have a man for alderman who should receive the vote of every patriotic citizen. That is Col. C. A. R. Dimon, a man of great executive ability, a soldier who won promotion on the field of battle, a man who has been at the head of a large factory for more than a quarter of a century, and a friend of the working man, for there has not been a cut down in his factory for twenty-five years.

Col. Dimon is a man whom the clergy of all denominations should endorse. It was he who took hold of the Day Nursery and brought it from an insignificant charity that a great many people sneered at to be the best organized charitable body in our city. Whenever an old comrade is in want, there is Colonel Dimon with his heart and his purse to relieve his want. Colonel Dimon is accepting the nomination at a great personal sacrifice. He cannot be accused of trying to use the office to advance himself for he has nothing to sell the city. He cannot be accused of vanity in seeking the office, for he has won honors more distinguished on the battlefield and from the people. He is impelled to enter this contest from a stern sense of duty that he owes his city, and his only desire is that he may serve his fellowmen and win their approbation by using all his ability for the city government.

—Independent Republican.

YES, THEY HAVE TO DO IT.

Geezer—"Say, Mixer, is it true that the liquor dealers have been requested from headquarters to contribute money and free drinks for the election of Bennett?"

Mixer—"Yes, sir, that's what we've all got to do or we don't get a license next May. You see the present police board will grant the next batch of licenses and we must stand the squeeze but we can vote as we please when we get into the polling box and there will be lots of us that will give it to Bennett on election day.

COLONEL BENNETT DOESN'T LIKE VETERANS.

Editor of The Sun—I read in the Citizen yesterday a call for those heroes the Boys in Blue, extending an invitation to all ex-soldiers and sailors who intend to support the republican ticket in the coming election to meet with them at republican headquarters next Friday evening, Dec. 10, at 7 o'clock sharp, to escort the speakers to a rally to be held at Huntington hall. I learn one of the speakers is to be escorted is a Colonel without a regiment (Bennett) who didn't help put down the late rebellion. The record of this warrior when he was a member of the Common Council includes the following: When a resolution was read in that body to appropriate $500 to defray expenses of the G.A.R., to decorate the soldiers' graves on Memorial Day of that year, this great warrior (Bennett) arose from his seat and moved that the appropriation be reduced $250. There cannot be a spark of manhood left in any man who served in the army or navy during the late war who will turn out to escort any blatherskite who tried to belittle the living and dead soldiers and sailors of the late war. No man who served in the Confederate army showed such prejudices towards the union soldiers and sailors as this "Battle Scarred Veteran, Colonel Bennett," God Save the Mark).

No man who served his country faithfully during the late war will turn out to escort a man who insulted them and their dead comrades with his bigotry and narrow mindedness. When men who claim to be veterans of the late war turn out to honor such warriors as Colonel Bennett after the insult he gave them and their dead comrades by such action, they make Memorial day a farce.

—A Four Year Veteran.

COUNCILMANIC CANDIDATES.

In the heat of the mayoralty contest, democrats must not overlook or disregard the council fights in their respective wards. It is extremely important that every councilmanic candidate, the men in the overwhelmingly democratic wards, those in the wards certain to be carried by republicans and the candidates in the doubtful wards—should receive the full party vote.

In Ward One, usually republican, there is a chance of electing one man if good hard work is put in.

Hugh J. Williams, one of the candidates, is an ex-president of the Reform club and a young man of good standing. There is a slight defection in the republican ranks because of Councilman Scott's defeat and there are reports that some of Mr. Scott's friends will rally to the support of Mr. Williams. The Reform club has a special pride in Mr. Williams and its members are anxious to see him succeed.

John J. Carigg also has republican friends in the ward who think enough of him to vote for him. He is well and favorably known, politically and socially, and with James H. Corcoran, the third man on the ticket, will keep his opponents on the hustle to win.

The new banner ward of democracy—Ward Two will send three solid democrats to the lower board. Thomas F. Garvey, who, it is said, will call the Council to order because of seniority of membership, is one of the men who stood by the party through thick and thin, when the Council was a tie, politically and every vote counted. He will receive a handsome vote on election day and he deserves it.

James J. Kennedy, whom the voters of Ward Two, will send back for another term, is a vote getter. His interest in affairs of the Celtic associates and similar organizations has won him many friends. Councilman Kennedy does not say much, but he is always on hand, when wanted.

Frank McMahon completes the trio and is a new man in politics, so far as holding office is concerned. That he has friends was proven by his magnificent vote in the caucus, when he led all the other candidates.

Ward Three is republican, but this does not deter Peter F. Brady from making an active personal canvass for the office. If any democrat can win, Mr. Brady will. He is a member of the Mathews and the Painters' union and is also on the democratic city committee.

Adelard Berard and Richard Murphy are not so actively engaged as Mr. Brady, nevertheless they are working faithfully to get out the party vote.

In Ward Four we will win handily. Councilman Fagan will be returned with a handsome vote to his credit. Councilman Fagan's course has been thoroughly democratic and merits a large vote. John L. Rourke, who will be one of his associates, ranks as one of the most popular young men in the ward. He is small in stature, but big in the estimation of the people. Every democrat in Ward Four will vote for him.

Michael J. Markham is a member of the Burkes and is prominent in labor circles. In fact he might be termed a labor representative in the Council for the best years of his life have been devoted to the labor cause.

Ward Five is the last of the certain democratic wards, and it will have three good representatives. Michael E. Sullivan is just completing one good term in the Council, during which time he has acquired an acquaintance with municipal affairs that will serve him well next year.

George Farley is one of those fortunate men who can get a man's vote without asking for it. He seems to be particularly favored by the people of Ward Five and his vote will come pretty near representing the party strength.

William J. McCluskey, the new man from this ward promises to make a mark for himself next year and unless all signs fail, he will gain a prominence in the body that will prove that the confidence of the voters was not misplaced.

The men nominated in Ward Six are trumps. Every French voter in the ward knows Joseph H. Beaulieu and few will vote against him. He is a democrat with many true and faithful friends. Every democrat should vote for him, for it is believed that he can win. And the same may be said of Dr. Arthur Gillard, a physician of good standing, who has hundreds of friends, many of whom are within the republican ranks, but who can find a place on their ticket for the doctor.

J. D. Whitney is certain to get more than the party vote and is regarded as dangerous by the republicans.

The Ward Seven delegation is composed of three Frenchmen. In this ward the republicans have failed to recognize the great French vote and in caucus defeated the only Frenchman who was a candidate, Clovis Belanger. The French people will not stand idly by and assent to such action. The democrats have placed it within their power to resent this reflection on their people by presenting for their consideration three French democrats, Philip Desmarais, Arthur Racicot, and Alexandre Bouvier. All three are popular with the French voters and for this reason will cut into the republican vote. The democrats will vote solid for them and the French voters can put them in power by voting for them.

Ward Eight is hopelessly republican, but the three democratic candidates—Eugene A. Shea, Winfred Parker and John L. Barnard are good clean young men, capable of serving the city in an official capacity.

The Ward Nine contest will be the closest in the city. Last year James H. Sullivan came very near defeating H. Kirk White. This year he will try again, harder than before and his friends regard him as a winner. He is a young man, clever, respectable, competent and honest. He is one of the most prominent Foresters in Lowell, an Arcanumite and a member of the Burkes.

Charles H. Hobson, who many regard as a winner in this ward is manager of the H. R. Barker manufacturing company and has held political office, always discharging his duties faithfully and guarding well the interests of his constituents. The Swedes were recognized by the democratic party and Frank Lundberg was placed on the ticket. All democrats have united in support of Mr. Lundberg's candidacy election day and he will surprise the republicans.

"I shall, if elected, exercise every power I possess to prevent imposition on the city or interference with public rights on the part of any of these (quasi public) companies."—*Hon. Fisher H. Pearson in his letter of acceptance.*

LADIES' AUXILIARY.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Reform had a social in Columbia hall last night, and Bamber's orchestra furnished music for the dancing.

DEMOCRATIC RALLIES WILL BE HELD IN ALL THE WARDS TONIGHT.

DROUGHT IN KANSAS.

Topeka, Dec. 10.—Kansas is suffering from a water familine. Many towns are without water. The prolonged drought has become a serious matter. Streams from which the towns and cities get their supply are dry, and the wells which afforded the people water for domestic purposes have failed. In a dozen of the larger towns the railroads are hauling water and depositing it in tubs for the use of the people.

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At a gathering of republicans in the American House, during the campaign of last year, Col. Jas. W. Bennett, the then republican candidate for mayor, said that if elected he would reappoint Mr. Harry R. Rice to the board of police if his term expired while he (Bennett) was Mayor.

Now, Col. Bennett, the term of Mr. Rice expires in June, will you or will you not reappoint Mr. Rice if you are elected Mayor? Will you answer this question?

ANOTHER QUESTION.

Will Col. James W. Bennett, Republican Candidate for Mayor, and Solicitor of Temperance Votes, answer this question:

Have you, Col. Bennett, any interest in a liquor saloon and so-called hotel known as the Franklin House, a place on Middlesex street, either as owner, lessee or part proprietor?

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FUNERALS.

OGLIVIE—The funeral of Alice Ogilvie took place yesterday at her parents' home in Corey street, Middlesex Village, and Rev. Mr. Caswell was the officiating clergyman. There was music by a quartette. Burial was in the Edson cemetery.

TRUE—The funeral of George True took place yesterday afternoon from his home in Lincoln street. Rev. Mr. Lockhart was the officiating clergyman. The body was sent to New Brunswick for burial.

SWETT—The funeral services of John F. Swett were held yesterday at his home 74 Branch street and Rev. Mr. Merriam was the clergyman officiating. Delegations from Oberlin lodge I.O.O.F., and Post 186, G.A.R., were present and the bearers were members of those bodies. Burial was in the cemetery at North Chelmsford.

DEATHS.

MALLORY—George A. Mallory, aged 34 years, died at his home in Tyngsboro yesterday. Deceased was married and leaves a wife and family.

WILLIAMS—Mrs. Anna L., wife of George H. Williams, died at her home in Newksbury yesterday, aged 45 years. Deceased is survived by a husband, three sons, George B., Bert W., Norman E., and two daughters, Charlotte S., and Florence E. She was a well known member of the Branch street church of this city.

CAHILL—Mary, aged 3 years and 5 months, daughter of Bartholomew and Margaret Cahill, died at her home, 131 Crosby street, last night. Funeral at 2.30 p. m., Saturday.

READY—The funeral of Mrs. Mary Ready took place this morning from St. Michael's church where Rev. Fr. Gilday celebrated a requiem high mass. Schmidt's requiem mass was sung by the choir. The service was very largely attended. The pall bearers were John Nicholson, P. F. Flynn, Edward Burns, Michael Boyle, John Gallagher and James Reynolds. The remains were interred in the Catholic cemetery, Rev. Fr. Gilday conducting the service at the grave.

SALEM WON.

The Salem Y.M.C.A. defeated the Lowell Y.M.C.A. at basket ball last night at the "gym." The Salems won through fouling on the part of Lowell. The features of the game were the work of Wilson at guard and the throwing of goals by McFarland of the Lowells. The Salems showed great activity. Following are the positions and score:

SALEMS		LOWELLS
Perry, rf		rf, McFarland
Davis, lf		lf, Goodchild, Muzzey
Carlin, c		c, Ferris
Hollstein, rg		rg, Kiersted
Enos, lg		lg, Wilson

Score—Salem 5; Lowell 4. Goals thrown by Perry, Davis, McFarland, 2. Umpire, F. M. Curry; referee, Fred Shaw; timer, Willis Holt.

EVERY DEMOCRAT SHOULD ATTEND THE WARD RALLIES TONIGHT.

HOWE EXAMINED

As to His Insanity by Expert.

DR. BENNER FINDS HIM READY TO TALK.

Report May be Made in Court.

Dr. B. R. Benner, the local expert on insanity, is making an examination of young Alfred Howe, who is at the Thorndike street jail and will probably report his condition in police court tomorrow when his case comes up.

Howe takes his fate philosophically, passing the time in reading books. He is not allowed to leave his cell except in the morning at washing-up time. After that he returns to his cell and spends the entire day reading books.

Dr. Benner has called twice to see young Howe and has found him perfectly willing to converse.

Dr. Benner took young Howe into his confidence, explaining the object of his visit.

Howe answered all questions readily, but whether or not rationally, the doctor has not stated.

Dr. Benner will probably visit young Howe today and make a report tomorrow in court.

The police have heard that a female impostor is going about from house to house, soliciting money and clothing. It is supposed that she pawns the clothing. The stories she tells are pathetic and she seldom fails to work sympathetic people.

Fred Lambert, who stole $71 from Arthur Paquier's trunk, last July, was tried yesterday and sentenced to jail for one year.

THE POLICE WERE CALLED.

The rush at Pollard's sale of smoked goods yesterday was unparalleled in the history of the city. Over 2000 people crowded the vast store at one time and the police had to be called to prevent women being crowded to death, help people out, and prevent overcrowding. The spectacle was never equalled in Lowell. Nearly everybody went off loaded with goods at half price.

A MEAN SWINDLER.

The police are looking out for an alleged swindler who has ben victimizing house girls of Irish extraction.

On Wednesday, he called at a house in Belvidere and asked the girl to subscribe to the Irish World, saying that for $1 a year, she would be sent the paper and that 500 masses would be said for her intention. He was a slick talker and the girl concluded to subscribe. She had nothing less than a two dollar bill, which she gave to the supposed solicitor. The latter said he had no change, but would return with it shortly. It is needless to state he never returned.

He is described as being about 5 feet 9 inches in height, stout, wearing dark clothing, an astrachan cap, and no overcoat.

WATCH RECOVERED.

The watch stolen from the home of Mrs. Clinton Mason, the larceny of which has been charged against Phillas Jarvais, has been recovered in Fitchburg.

POLICE COURT.

Two drunks.

Frank Carey charged with assault and battery was continued.

Romeo Clement for larceny of a can of milk received 15 days in jail.

TWO LITTLE PAYERS.

People remarked that the clarionet player in the Music Hall orchestra, Arthur Payer, was heard to better advantage last night than ever before. Mrs. Payer had just presented her young husband with two little Payers—a boy and a girl.

HORSFORD CLUB.

Tonight the Horsford Social club will hold their annual concert and ball in Associate Hall. It will be a delightful affair and those who attend will certainly enjoy themselves.

LADIES' AUXILIARY.

OF THE VETERAN FIREMEN PLAY WHIST.

With enough players present for fifteen tables, the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Lowell Veteran Firemen's association had last night a highly enjoyable whist party in Post 185, G.A.R. hall. John F. Williams was general in charge and he started the playing at 8 o'clock and stopped it at 10. There were six prizes with winners as follows: Ladies, first, Mrs. F. C. Austin, 40; second, Mrs. J. Williams; third, Mrs. Brainard. Gentlemen, first, Mr. Mahoney; second C. M. Young; third, T. G. Gerrish.

Mrs. S. B. Slibee and Mrs. Fred Austin were in general charge.

SATURDAY MORNING AT NINE.

Moir Bros. have settled with the insurance company and at nine o'clock tomorrow morning the store will again be open and the public can have a chance to get every kind of dry and fancy goods at about fifteen cents on the dollar, and while the fire was quite disastrous, there are several lots of goods but slightly damaged and practically as good as ever; but they all come under the same list, fifteen cents on the dollar. Do not fail to take in the opening sale at Moir Bros.,' 119-121-123 Merrimack street.

Court City of Lowell, F. of A., is making great preparations for its annual concert and ball New Year's Eve.

The men of the First Primitive Methodist church gave a tea party last night. Following it was an entertainment which was very much enjoyed.

A benefit party will be held in Hibernian hall this evening. A large attendance is expected and an enjoyable time is assured. The party is held for the benefit of a worthy person who has a host of friends working to make the affair a success. McElroy's orchestra will furnish the music.

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$5.00 will buy a good Covert Cloth Jacket, half silk lined and velvet piped, the price has been $8.50.

$5.00 for an excellent quality Kersey Jacket, blacks, browns, and greens, all silk lined, a bargain, the price was $8.50.

$7.50 for a handsome Velvet piped, good quality Boucle Jacket, marked down from $11.50.

$9.98 for a Light Tan Kersey, velvet collar, strapped seams, extra good quality, silk lining. We have been selling them for $14.50.

$16.50 for Imported Sample Garments that were made for the finest trade. They cost us from $25 to $28.

These are a few of our bargains. Besides these we have hundreds of other Jackets from $2 to $15, with special values at $9, $10 and $12.50.

$3.50 for a Colored Brocade Skirt, extra quality of goods, well made, guaranteed to please, marked down from $5.

$6.98 for a heavy Black Brocaded Silk Skirt. This is not marked down, but $10 does not buy so good a one elsewhere.

$2.00 for Silk and Wool Waists. They cost $3, but we want to close out the few we have left.

Our cut prices on Collarettes at **$1.50, $2, $3.75 and $5.**

Fur Capes make nice Christmas presents. Electric Seal, Astrachan and Wool Seals at from **$15 to $25.**

Then we have Cloth Capes from **$1.98** to **$12.50.** Plush Capes from **$4** to **$20.** Skirts from **98c.** to **$9.** Choice Fur Collarettes **$8, $10** and **$12.50** and Silk Waists at **$3.98, $5** and **$6.50.**

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Who can deny that Col. Bennett planned the scheme by which he robbed Honest John C. Wilson of the mayoralty nomination?

The republican administration of last year raised the tax rate from $15 to $17.40. Give them another year and they will make the tax rate $19.40.

Remember Hon. Fisher H. Pearson is a young man who has a future before him. It is not likely if elected he would do anything to blight that future.

Purchasing Agent Barnard mismanaged his office, and discriminated against Lowell business men. He has not saved the city enough to pay the running expenses of his office.

Mr. Pearson is a gentleman whose record in the state senate shows his fitness for the office of Mayor and his superiority to a man who calls to his aid all the boodlers and political blacklegs in the city.

The democratic aldermanic ticket stands far above the aggregation of political curiosities on the republican ticket. Vote the straight democratic ticket if you want an economic government next year.

The republicans who authorized the Mountain Rock junket are now shrieking over the danger of democrats dividing the spoils. Republican charter tinkering and gerrymandering have practically turned the spoils over to republicans.

The republican reformers who have kept up a fight over a few offices for two years past are now shouting against Mr. Pearson as a spoilsman. These are the men who worked for a whole year to oust Dick Bray, the best superintendent of buildings the city has ever had.

When Senator Pearson was elected senator, he ran nearly 300 votes ahead of his ticket. The Mail claims that he ran behind the average vote of his ticket for the three previous years. The Mail distorts the figures and the truth at the same time. Without distorting either, it can show that Colonel Bennett has been for years the hoodoo of the republican party.

Between Colonel Bennett and Hon. Fisher H. Pearson, there is no room for comparison. The Bennett managers are working as many saloons as they can against Pearson and yet the republican papers haven't a ward to say about it. They connive at corruption on their own side, and make groundless charges against the democrats. That is their fixed policy.

A political machine is a danger in any city. Yet there need be no machine if the voters but realize how easily it can be broken.—Courier.

Just as soon as the democrats present a united front, the Courier raises a howl about the machine. What of the machine that robbed Mr. Wilson of the nomination by adopting the open caucus method by which a man who wins two wards by ringing in democrats can beat a man winning five wards?

Here is one of the proofs, taken from the state election returns of 1895 which the Mail prints daily to show that Hon. Fisher H. Pearson is a poor vote getter and a weak candidate:

VOTE FOR GOVERNOR.

Frederic T. Greenhalge	6020
George Fred Williams	5353
Total vote	11,373

FOR SENATOR.

Ether S. Foss	5265
Fisher H. Pearson	5603
Total vote	10,868

These figures show that Mr. Pearson was just 338 votes ahead of Mr. Foss and 250 ahead of his ticket. And yet the Mail claims he was a weak candidate. By the same reasoning, they can prove that Governor Greenhalge was a weak candidate that year, although he got many democratic votes from motives of local pride.

THE COURIER AGAIN.

The republican ticket should have the hearty and earnest endorsement of the pulpit, the temperance organizations and all who desire to put to rest the grasping of a Tammany leader with all that his success would imply. —Courier, organ of the Hog Combine.

A majority of the aldermanic nominees on the republican ticket authorized the Mountain Rock junket and Alderman Goward refused to show the bills to a committee of prominent citizens who applied for an injunction to stop payment from the city treasury. The same republicans are now working for a removal of the injunction and if elected, will vote to pay the bill.

Col. Bennett, the head of the ticket, has his boodle in every bar room that will accept it. He owns the Franklin House, the headquarters of his chief "Factor and Agent," where his boodle is distributed. All this is what the organ of the Hog-Combine wants the pulpit and the taxpayers to endorse They'll do it—NIT.

JOURNEYMEN TAILORS

HELD A BANQUET IN LAWRENCE WEDNESDAY.

The Journeymen Tailors' union, embracing members in Lawrence, Lowell, Haverhill, and Andover, enjoyed a banquet at the Essex House, Lawrence Wednesday evening. A large number were present and the affair was a success.

After the supper President Lavigne of Lowell rapped the meeting to order and introduced Representative Richard Cullinane who made an interesting address. Other speeches were made by the president and Vice President Whitehead of Lawrence. The banquet concluded, the company assembled in the parlors and enjoyed cigars and music. The Tuxedo trio of New York gave a number of good selections and were well received.

The Journeymen Tailors' union is now in a flourishing condition. With a few Lawrence tailors it has grown to a large and influential union, embracing Lawrence, Lowell, Haverhill, and Andover. The officers are: President, Fred Lavigne, Lowell; Vice President, Leslie Whitehead, Lawrence; recording secretary, Arthur Keefe, Lowell; treasurer, Wm. H. Guilmette, Lawrence; financial secretary, Carl Carlson, Andover; sergeant-at-arms, John O'Leary, Lawrence; Auditors, Jacob Jansen, Johannes Kirk, James Burns, Lowell; trustees, Wm. Martin, Lowell; August Johnson, Andover.

BOWLING NEWS.

Smith led all the Bankers at the bowling yesterday between Team Four and Five. His total was 526 and 485 was the nearest any of the others could get to him. The score:

TEAM FOUR.

Smith	526
Stevens	377
Lamson	469
Whidden	312
Totals	1681

TEAM FIVE.

Keyes	463
Currier	445
Haggett	337
Clogston	485
Total	1730

The Barbers outrolled the Courier-Citizen team 2092 to 2015. There were no high totals. The score:

BARBERS.

Lynch	386
Mireault	433
Nault	411
Smith	378
Murphy	451
Totals	2092

COURIER-CITIZEN.

Munn	381
Johnson	371
Phillips	437
Sullivan	526
O'Hearn	397
Totals	2015

OFFICERS ARE COMMENDED.

A general order by Superintendent Davis, commending Lieutenants Kew and Brosnan, Sergt. Palmer, and Officers Curran and Mulrey for good work done in connection with the arrests of Phillias Gervais, J. J. Leary, James Gannon, Fred Sullivan, and Joseph O'Brien was read at roll call last night. The three latter were connected with the hold-up in the rear of Bartlett & Dow's store Wednesday night, and the others were implicated in the shooting of John McCormick and the larceny of silverware from the McNabb residence.

MUZZEY TO LEAVE LOWELL.

Walter L. Muzzey, who is among the best all around ball players in the city, will leave Lowell tomorrow for Framingham, where he has accepted a position with the Dennison Manufacturing Co. Walter's departure will make a big hole in the Burkes' basket ball team.

REFORM CLUB.

The Reform club is making arrangements for the observance of the 22nd anniversary on January 13 and the following have been appointed a committee in charge: George Farrell, Richard Reidy, John M. Hogan, John H. Kennedy, James H. Mullen, William Ball, James O'Loughlin, Edward Considine, William Smith, Joseph Hinch, and R. J. Fullerton.

MANHATTAN CLUB DANCE.

The first grand party of the Manhattan Athletic club was held in Prescott hall last night and was attended by 100 couples. The officers of the evening were: General manager, Felix D. Langavin; assistant general manager, Peter Kerrigan; floor director, David Gregoire; assistant floor director, Thos. Burns; aids, William McCarthy, Frederick Pigeon, John Gilman, John Hickman; Joseph Lucier; reception committee, James Hartley, Lorenzo Prince, William Martin, Patrick Murphy, Ralph Richards, Edwin Hayes, Peter Lakuere, Charles Brothers, Albert Lamere, Eugene Lavoie.

MIDDLESEX WOMEN'S CLUB.

At the Middlesex Women's club last night, the performance of "Hag Wynne, Free Quaker," was admirably given in connection with the exhibit of colonial and revolutionary relics. The characters were assumed as follows: "Miss Wynne," Mrs. C. W. Williams; "Hugh Wynne," Henry H. Harris; "John Wynne," A. P. Perham; "Benjamin Franklin," A. P. Perham; "Mrs. Ferguson," Mrs. O. B. Ranlett; "Darthea Penneston," Miss Bernice Ranlett; "Capt. Montresor," Dr. C. W. Taylor; "Andrew Allen," Charles T. Cahill; "Mr. Galloway," Percival Barnard; "Jack Warden," Harry E. Newell; "Mrs. Galloway," Miss Maude Bowers; "Major Andre," Lewis E. McBrayne.

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That sold for $12, $15 and $16, now $9.75, $10.75 and $13 50.

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That sold for $12, $14 and $18, now $8.98, $9.98 and $12.

CHILDREN'S REEFERS

That sold for $3, $4.50 and $7, now $1.75, $2.50 and $3.75.

Ladies' Jackets and Capes.

That sold for $10, $12 and $15, now $6.75, $7.50 and $9 75.

Ladies' Skirts and Waists.

That sold for $6, $8 and $10, now $4 98, $5.98 and $6.98. NO EXTRA CHARGE FOR CREDIT.

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WANTS KNOX'S PLACE.

The editorial intimation in the American last evening that James H. Eaton will be the logical congressional candidate next fall met with the general approval of all the politicians about the city last evening.—Lawrence Sun.

CATARRH FOR TWENTY YEARS AND CURED IN A FEW DAYS.—Nothing too simple, nothing too hard for Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder to give relief in an instant. Hon. George James of Scranton, Pa., says: "I have been a martyr to Catarrh for 20 years, constant hawking, dropping in the throat and pain in the head, very offensive breath. I tried Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder. The first application gave instant relief. After using a few bottles, all these symptoms of Catarrh left me. It is a great remedy." Sold by Ellingwood & Co., Central and Merrimack streets and C. E. Carter, Branch and Middle streets.

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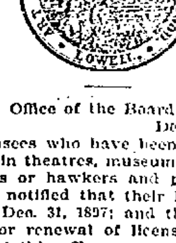

Office of the Board of Police,

Dec. 8th, 1897.

Licensees who have been licensed to maintain theatres, museums or as auctioneers or hawkers and peddlers are hereby notified that their licenses will expire Dec. 31, 1897; and that applications for renewal of licenses must be made at this office as soon as possible if they desire to continue in their respective businesses during the year 1898.

By order of the Board of Police,

—Joseph Smith, Clerk.

PRICES CUT

AND SLASHED RIGHT AND LEFT. Our loss is your gain. Fine, reliable Clothing, cheaper than shoddy. Everything marked at prices Bound to make this the Most Rousing Sale ever held in this city. The World Beating Bargain Sale is now at its height.

Our heavily loaded Suit and Overcoat tables must be quickly relieved of their burdens. We are determined to get rid of our entire present stock of seasonable goods, before the reorganization of our company, January 1st, next, although it means to us a very heavy sacrifice. To make this Closing Out Sale a complete success, we have made a Sharp and Sweeping cut in prices in all the departments, beyond recognition of former prices.

Everything is new and up-to-date, made with an eye single to long and satisfying service. The best makes, best styles and the biggest stock to select from in this section of the state. Never again can you buy first class goods for so little money.

Here are only a few of the Great Bargains we have in store for you, merely to give our customers an idea what Amazing Values they may expect to find in our store during the Record Breaking Riddance Sale:

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Young Men's $4 and $5 Suits, cut price,	$1.97
Young Men's $8.00 Suits, cut price,	$3.97
Men's Doub'e Breasted $10 Suits, cut price,	$4.97
Men's Single Breasted $10 Suits, cut price,	$4.97
Men's $11 Suits, cut price,	$6.47
Young Men's $15.00 Suits, cut price, 33 34, 35 sizes only.	$3.97

SUITS

Men's $14.00 Suits, cut price,	$9.97
Men's $15.00 Suits, cut price,	$10.47
Men's $13.50 Suits, cut price,	$8.47
Men's $12.00 Suits, cut price,	$5.47
Men's $14.00 Suits, cut price,	$7.97
Men's $1.25, $1.50, $2 Fine Fur Stiff Hats, cut price,	50c. and 75c.

Overcoats

Men's fine Kersey $10 Overcoats, cut price,	$6.50
Men's fine Kersey $12 Overcoats, cut price,	$7.50
Men's $13.50 Overcoats, cut price,	$8.00
Men's $15.00 Overcoats, cut price,	$10
Men's $14.00 Overcoats, cut price,	$9.00
Men's $16.00 Overcoats, cut price,	$11

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Felt Hats, Fire Sale Price 1c Each

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19c Ladies' and Children's Hosiery, 4c Pair

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50c Men's Wool Underwear, 19c Each

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Only Slightly Damaged by Smoke and Water, to be Turned Into Money, within the next few Days, The Chance of a Lifetime to Buy at Just 15c on the Dollar of Actual Value. Remember the Day,

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25c Fancy Ribbons, all Colors, 4c Yard

25c Ladies' all Wool Mittens, 9c Pair

25c Ladies' & Children's all Wool Hosiery, 9c Pair

FRIDAY, DEC. 10, 1897.

A. G. POLLARD & CO.

Our GREAT FIRE, SMOKE AND WATER SALE

Which commenced yesterday morning, called out an unprecedented crowd of customers. Our large force of clerks found it impossible to serve the immense crowd which thronged our Merrimack and Palmer Street Basements all day. But two large floors of cases and bales are not sold in a day, and we shall continue this great special sale until the damaged goods are all sold. The prices which we quote are but a sample of the many bargains which you will find at this Great Fire, Smoke and Water Sale.

DOMESTIC DEPARTMENT.

Dark Yard Wide Print, whole pieces all wet, 1c. a yard.

Linen Crash, 16 and 18 inches wide, slightly wet, 3 1-2c. a yard.

Yard wide Bleached Cotton, 3c.

8-cent quality Outing, wet on selvage only, 5c. a yard.

Seamless Sheeting, smoked and wet, 8-4 wide, 9c. a yard.

Yard-wide Bleached Cotton, wet, 2c. a yard.

Bates' Plaid Ginghams, 8-cent quality, wet, only 3 1-2c. per yard.

Plaid Dress Goods, regular price 12 1-2c; only smoked, 7 1-2c. a yard.

White Lawn, wet and smoked, 2 1-2c. a yard.

Ladies' and Children's Underwear, slightly wet, 25c. quality, for 19c.

White Bedspreads, wet and smoked from 25c. each upwards.

Blankets, 75-cent quality for 35c.

Blankets, $1 quality for 79c.

Fine Wool Blankets at $1.49 a pair, regular price $2.50.

Horse Blankets worth $2.25 for $1.39.

KITCHEN DEPARTMENT.

Clothes Baskets, 10c. a piece.

Nickel Plated Tea Kettle, both sizes, 43c. each, regular price $1.

15-cent Wash Boards for 9 cents.

Wash Boilers, regular price 70 and 85 cents each, for 39c. each, (copper bottoms).

Willow Clothes Hampers, 43c., regular price $1.00.

Snow Shovels, 19c. each, regular price 30c.

Iron Snow Shovels, 29c. each, regular price 50c.

Asbestos Stove Mats, 2c. each for the best 5c. grades.

Best Pine Tubs, 25c. each, regular price, 50c.

One crate of Blue and Brown Willow Ware, consisting of Cups, Saucers and Plates. The straw was soaked with water. Your choice of any article that was in the crate 5c. each, regular price 10 and 15 cents.

We are compelled to ask the indulgence of our customers if their goods are not delivered during this special sale quite as prompt as usual. Our four delivery teams are now doing double work, and we shall do our utmost to deliver all packages with as little delay as possible.

COME EARLY.

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IN THE SHADOW OF DEATH

Startling Testimony of a Woman Against Her Husband.

Sisterly Love Transcends Wifely Affection in a Murder Case at Bridgeport, Conn.—Evidence for the Prosecution.

Bridgeport, Conn., Dec. 10.—Charles Bolnay, the murderer of George Nichols, stands in the valley of the shadow of death, though as yet he has not been convicted of the crime. If the proceedings of Wednesday, when David Weeks, Bolnay's alleged accomplice, made a full and complete confession implicating Bolnay and himself, were sensational, it is difficult to adequately characterize the scenes enacted in the same room yesterday. The people's prosecutor, as if dissatisfied with the marvelous case already made out against the prisoner, added fuel to the fire Wednesday and through an unexpected medium piled up evidence against the accused mountain high. Almost as coolly as if she were engaged in ordinary conversation the wife of the man who stands on the threshold of a death at the hands of the law occupied the witness stand and swore away the life of the man whom she had promised to love, honor and cherish.

A thunderbolt from a clear sky could occasion no greater amazement than was evidenced when Mrs. Bolnay, the wife of the accused man and sister of the accomplice who betrayed him, swore her husband's life away. The law does not compel a wife to testify in court against her husband, but she was a willing witness and, to save her brother, gave evidence that will send to the gallows the man that only a few months ago led her to the altar.

Her story was the confessions her husband had made to her after his return from his adventure of robbery and murder, together with subsequent conversations which occurred at different times up to the night he was captured by the Bridgeport officers. She unhesitatingly told of her treachery to her confiding husband when she arranged to turn him over to the officers of the law, but she did not seem to be telling the story for motives of revenge, but, as she herself expressed it when questioned by counsel for the defense why she did not try to save her husband: "I thought that if my brother threw himself on the mercy of the court there might be some chance for him. I could see no chance for Mr. Bolnay, because I realized the terrible nature of the crime."

From first to last she made a wonderfully effective witness for the state, and her evidence goes far to shatter the last thin straw that was left for the defense. Bolnay's demeanor did not change in the least throughout her testimony, and whatever might be his feelings towards the woman, the love for whom resulted in his arrest, he carefully concealed them and appeared the same composed man.

The entire afternoon session was given up to the cross-examination of Mrs. Bolnay by Attorney Lynch for the defense, and, though a strong effort was made to show that she was a party, in the sense of overlooking her husband's wrongdoings, and that her testimony was not altogether disinterested inasmuch as it was intimated by the defense that a financial consideration might have influenced her to appear on the witness stand, she withstood the rigid fire and made a most favorable impression. She was the closing witness of the day. It is not believed that the state will summon many other witnesses, and at the earliest opportunity it is said that Bolnay will go on the stand and tell his story.

MINERS ARE LAWLESS.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 10.—The miners at Bonanza are making no concealment of their participation in the lynching of Murray, and have sent word to the Sebastian county officials that if they want to arrest any of their number to just come down into the shaft at the mines and get all they want. They are well supplied with dynamite, and it is their purpose to blow up the mine if an effort is made to apprehend them.

The mine is surrounded by a strong posse, the sheriff being in command, who says he will force the miners to capitulate, even if he has to fire the mine.

There are about 300 miners believed to have had a hand in the lynching, and a frightful flow of blood and loss of life are expected.

DREYFUS AGITATION.

Paris, Dec. 10.—A mob of students made a demonstration against Scheurer Kestner, the defender of Captain Dreyfus, in front of the Luxembourg palace, where the senate sits, shouting, "Down with Scheurer; down with the senate." The students were dispersed by the police.

A local paper prints a sensational statement, the substance of which is that the Dreyfus agitation is the outcome of an international plot to divert France's attention from events abroad, adding that an international syndicate with this object in view, backed by foreign gold, commenced operations in Belgium and developed them in Germany

SURVEY OF CONNECTICUT.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The report of the board that surveyed the Connecticut river between Holyoke, Mass., and the foot of the Endfield rapids was submitted to congress yesterday. The plan presented provides for securing between Holyoke and Hartford a channel nine feet deep and 150 feet wide at extreme low water by constructing three locks and movable dams. The cost is estimated at $1,825,000; but this total would be increased to $2,175,000 should the Chanoine type of dams be used, while the cost of maintenance, etc., is estimated at $8000 per annum. The plans involve no injury to the canal on the west bank, or to water power.

BULLET THROUGH HIS TEMPLE.

Boston, Dec. 10.—An unknown man about 35 years of age, well dressed, committed suicide last night in an alleyway by putting a bullet through his right temple. He was seen by two boys to push open the gate leading into the passageway, and in a moment a shot was heard. A police officer who found the man lying on the ground unconscious had him taken to the hospital, but the stranger was dead before he reached there.

A Never-die.

The "life-time" of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup will never draw to a close. When a mother once uses it, she continues its use right along; because, she found, for curing cough, cold, croup and whooping-cough Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup unequalled by any other similar medicine. "I have used Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, for ten or fifteen years in the family, for coughs and throat troubles caused by colds, and have found no superior article." Mrs. D. T. Clarke, 163 Congress St., Cleveland, O. Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup can be had everywhere for 25 cents. Dealers will say they have something else "just as good or better," because they want to make more profit. Don't be "taken in." Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup is the best.

Fire, Smoke and Water. Big sale of ladies' and gents' clothing at Central Supply Co., 117 Merrimack street, over Moir Bros. Cash or credit.

A FIENDISH CRIME

A Planter's Family Killed in His Absence.

WIFE AND FOUR CHILDREN THE VICTIMS.

A Posse Now on the Culprit's Track.

Wesson, Miss., Dec. 10.—The wife and four children of Brown Smith, a planter living in Simpson county, 20 miles from here, were murdered Wednesday night, while a fifth child was terribly injured. Mr. Smith went to a nearby town, leaving his family at home. When he returned he found his wife and children weltering in their blood and apparently all dead.

An alarm was raised and the entire neighborhood turned out to hunt for the perpetrator of the crime. There being no telegraph connections, details of the murder came in slowly. One of the girls revived enough to tell what she knew of the occurrence. She said that she knew the man who committed the deed; that it was a negro, and she described him. A posse is now on the track of the murderer, and there is great probability that he will be apprehended.

REDUCTION IN GRADE.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Another case in which a reduced official of the postoffice department questions the right of his superiors to lower his rank has come before Assistant Postmaster General Heath. Dec. 6, John J. Boylan, a chief clerk in a division of the New York postoffice, was transferred to the position of clerk. Thursday Mr. Heath received a message from Postmaster Van Cott saying that he had been served with notice to show cause why an order of the court should not be issued restraining him from interferring with Boylan in his position, and asking for instructions as to the course to be pursued.

A reply was sent directing Mr. Van Cott to call on the assistant district attorney for whatever legal assistance he may require. The postoffice officials say they have no doubt of their right to make transfers in grades of employes even though this should involve a reduction in salary. In this connection they refer to the decision of Judge Jenkins of Chicago, who, in the case of Superintendent Carr, who declined to take a transfer to a lower place and sought legal interference, declared he had no standing in court.

EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGED.

Boston, Dec. 10.—Thomas P. Dolan, who gave his address as Troy, N. Y., and his business as that of a drummer, was arrested in a Merrimac street pawnshop Thursday afternoon. He was trying to dispose of pawn tickets, and was taken in on suspicion.

At headquarters 61 pawn tickets, representing articles worth $400 or $500, were found in his pockets. There was also a letter addressed to him and signed "John Welderhold, Schenectady, N. Y." demanding the return of Dolan's samples. Welderhold manufactures ladies' underwear. Dolan, the police say, was traveling for him up to a few weeks ago, and that he sold the samples as soon as he left Welderhold's employ instead of returning them to him. Dolan was booked on a charge of embezzlement.

the danger is in the neglect—that's why so many colds lead to a fatal disease.

HALE'S HONEY OF HOREHOUND AND TAR

Hale's Honey of Horehound and Tar is made for throat and lung troubles. It acts like magic. Sold by druggists.

Pike's Toothache Drops cure in one minute.

RIVAL WHEEL CHAMPIONS

Articles Signed for a Great Indoor Race.

Michael and the English Crack—Big purse Likely to be Put up for the Contest—Other Matters.

New York, Dec. 10.—The terms for the greatest indoor cycling race ever arranged, a match between Jimmy Michael and the English crack, A. A. Chase, were completed yesterday. Under the articles binding the men to race, and signed by their respective managers, D. G. Schafer for Michael and W T. Walton for Chase, the rivals will meet in a single race or a series of three races, if the latter plan proves feasible, at 30 miles paced, the first race to take place not later than Jan. 10 next. The place for the trial of speed was not named, but it is almost certain that it will be in New York city.

Mr. Shafer, acting for Michael, made every concession that Chase's manager asked and, though he was specially anxious for a match with a side bet of from $5000 to $10,000, he yielded to Mr. Walton's wish that the terms be made more favorable to the new-comer, who, he explained, being a comparative stranger, could not hope to find backing on short notice to the amount that Shafer desired. Mr. Walton was willing to arrange a match to be ridden in England, where Chase could easily get backing, but both parties objected to delaying the race.

In case of a series of races it is Mr. Shafer's idea that the first and third races should be in New York and the second in either Boston, Philadelphia or Chicago. Should one race be decided upon, that in all probability will be in this city.

Regarding the distance and conditions for the match, there was not the slightest difficulty in reaching an agreement, 30 miles being adopted as the most popular distance for such a race. There is no doubt of a big purse being put up for the contest, but there will be no side bet.

The race between Michael and Chase, it was decided later, will take place on Christmas eve. Michael will ride against Taylore on New Year's eve.

THE BICYCLE CONTEST.

New York, Dec. 10.—Hale's record in last year's big bicycle contest will look ridiculous when the figures in full of this year's race are placed up against it. In this contest Hale has outstripped his own figures and was 24 miles ahead of them at the end of 92 hours. Last year he had 1306 miles and last night he had covered 1330.

The rapid pace has forced out the French rider, Stephane, from whom so much was expected. He was officially declared out of the race. Miller seems to be absolutely tireless when on the wheel. He is fast approaching the automatic state. His eyes stare straight ahead, and were it not for his occasional great sprints, he would seem to be lost to all consciousness.

Hale and Elkes are looming up as "dark horses." They are the freshest men on the track, with the advantage in favor of the Glen Falls youth, who still cuts a pace that the rest of the bunch find it hard to keep up with. He has had over 20 hours' sleep since the contest began.

The score of the leaders at 2:15 a. m. was: Miller, 1606; Rice, 1523; Rivierre, 1522-4; Schinner, 1487; Waller, 1412-2; Moore, 1426-2; Hale, 1402-1; Pierce, 1371-6.

A BRUTAL EXHIBITION.

New York, Dec. 10.—Henry Steinert, counsel to the board of health of this city, speaking of the bicycle race, said: "It is a brutal exhibition and should be discontinued forthwith. It is not a scientific exhibition, but one in which sheer brute force prevails. If it can be proven to the board of health that it is detrimental to the life and health of the participants, then the board can stop it."

Dr. Edwin W. Martin of the health board said: "No horse or locomotive on the New York Central could do what the men in that race have done up to the present time. The participants can never recover from the effects of the strain, and I would not be surprised if some of them become raving maniacs before Saturday night."

LEFT HANDER ON THE JAW.

Waterbury, Conn., Dec. 10.—Harry Peffer, the reputed middleweight champion of the Pacific coast, met his first defeat last night when he was knocked out in the nineteenth round by George Byers of Boston at a boxing exhibition given by the Waterbury Athletic club. Both men are colored boxers, whose cleverness was sufficient to attract nearly 2000 spectators. They were matched for 20 rounds, and for 13 rounds they gave the cleverest exhibition ever witnessed in this city. They then slowed up, but as this did not suit the audience they got together again in the eighteenth, and in the nineteenth Byers knocked his opponent out with a left-hander on the jaw.

CLERGYMEN AND BOXERS.

Buffalo, Dec. 10.—The clergymen who had Erne and Downey arrested last Monday night, previous to their entering the ring in a boxing contest, had an interview with District Attorney Kenefick yesterday, and as a result announced that the district attorney had informed them that he would institute a civil suit for a forfeiture of the boxers' bonds of $500 each. After giving bail the boxers entered the ring, but their exhibition was rather a tame one. The clergymen say that they were assured by the district attorney that he would also entertain charges for presentation to the grand jury against Clymer and Hurst, manager and referee of the bout.

LAST NIGHT'S POLO.

At New Bedford—New Bedfords, 5; Providences, 4.

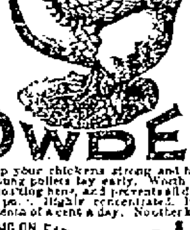
At Augusta—Augustas, 6; Portlands, 9.

At Salem—Salems, 12; Fall Rivers, 8.

ON A CHARGE OF ROBBERY.

Amesbury, Mass., Dec. 10.—Thomas Pickles, a well known photographer of this place, is locked up, charged with breaking and entering the house of Mrs. Hannah Bates and stealing silverware and other articles to the value of $260. The stolen goods were found in Pickles' studio. The police are looking for an accomplice, who is well known. The burglars effected an entrance to the house by boring a hole in the window sash and removing the fastening.

SHERIDAN'S CONDITION



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It will keep your chickens strong and healthy. It will make young pullets lay early. Worth its weight in gold for moulting hens, and prevents all diseases. It is absolutely pure. Highly concentrated. In quantity costs only a tenth of a cent a day. No other kind like it.

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Therefore, no matter what kind of food you use, mix with it daily Sheridan's Powder. Otherwise, your profit this fall and winter will be lost when the price for eggs is very high. It assures perfect assimilation of the food elements needed to produce health and form eggs. It is sold by druggists, grocers, feed dealers or by mail.

If you can't get it send to us. Ask first. One pack, 25 cts. five $1. Large 2-lb. can $1.20. Six cans $5. Exp. paid. Sample of Best Poultry Paper sent free. I. S. JOHNSON & CO., 22 Custom House St., Boston, Mass.

FROM CONGRESS

The Pension Question Causes a Lively Tilt.

CHAMPIONS OF THE OLD SOLDIERS.

Stand Bravely for Their Rights.

Washington, Dec. 10.—At Thursday's session of the house Representative Cannon, as chairman of the committee on appropriations, took occasion to make a general statement of the estimates submitted by the secretary of the treasury for the public service of 1899, for the purpose, he said, of disabusing the minds of members and the country of a false impression made by a comparison of these estimates with those of preceding years. The estimated revenues for 1899 were $482,000,000, the expenditures $501,000,000, showing an estimated deficit of $21,000,000. Under the last sundry civil act the secretary of the treasury, he pointed out, was compelled to estimate this year for $45,000,000 of river and harbor work, $33,000,000 of which had not been authorized by law. If this sum, not heretofore included in the estimates, were deducted, there would be an estimated surplus of $8,000,000, instead of a deficit.

Last year, the estimated deficit under the last tariff act was $46,000,000. If the $17,000,000 for river and harbor work for which the government then stood bound had been included the estimated deficit would have been $63,000,000. Mr. Cannon said it might be that the expenditure for pensions for 1899 would exceed the estimates. The commissioner of pensions estimated the expenditures at $145,000,000. If he should prove to be right, Mr. Cannon pointed out that the $140,000,000 appropriated by this bill would pay all pensions for the first 11 months of the fiscal year, and a deficiency appropriation could be easily made. In conclusion, Mr. Cannon solemnly warned the house that the large anticipatory importations would keep the revenues under the present law down to the minimum, and he appealed to his colleagues to see to it "that while the public service was sufficiently supplied with money not one dollar is appropriated which is not absolutely necessary to the best interests of the public service."

Mr. Allen of Mississippi attacked Mr. Cannon's statement. He produced estimates that showed an estimated deficiency for the next year of $72,000,000. He referred to the increase in the pension roll under the present administration and ridiculed the idea of a decrease unless the late increase was to be attributed to the "exigencies of the recent campaign in Ohio." "This question of the maximum of the pension roll," observed Mr. Allen, "is one of the things that have protracted my stay in congress. When I first came here they were talking of the maximum. I stayed 10 or 15 years to see it, but it has not yet come, and I guess I'll have to come again." (Laughter) Mr. Allen directed the batteries of his humor at the Dingley law as a revenue producer, picturing the intense anxiety of the chairman of the ways and means committee at the extra session to get a bill on the statute books that would strike a balance between the receipts and expenditures, and predicting another season of anxiety on Mr. Dingley's part next spring at another extra session called for the same purpose.

Mr. Allen, with mock gravity, offered as his excuse for discussing the pension question the conspicuous part he had played, as a confederate soldier, in producing the pension roll. He estimated that he had protracted the war two years by his own personal valor; but, he said, he had forgiven the north and ventured the opinion that the president had him particularly in mind when he spoke in his message of the "growing feeling of fraternal regard" between the sections.

Mr. De Armond of Missouri criticised some of the classes on the pension rolls.

Mr. Allen again got the floor and disclaimed any intention of attacking the federal soldiers or the pension rolls. He said he could not but marvel at the fact that 976,000 names were now on the rolls, and that there were 600,000 applications at the pension office. There had been [illegible] 2,200,000 men in the federal army. He presented a series of amendments designed, he said, to correct some of the most glaring evils. They prohibit the granting of pensions to widows whose applications were not filed during their widowhood, and the granting of pensions to widows whose applications were based on marriage contracted after the passage of this act, and to permanently insane or idiotic minors, who had reached their majority.

The senate did a considerable amount of business, although no very important measures were considered or passed and there was very little debate. Senator Gallinger, chairman of the committee on pensions, called attention to the increasing demand for private pension legislation, and requested senators to be careful in the future to see that their bills for private pensions were meritorious before they were introduced.

Senator Hoar presented a petition signed by 21,618 natives of Hawaii, protesting against the annexation of those islands to the United States.

UNREST AMONG MOSLEMS.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 10.—Throughout Russian Asia there is general unrest among the Moslems. It is attributed to exaggerated reports of the Turkish victory over "the great Greek empire" which have spread through the length and breadth of the continent. The authorities even fear that the revival of brigandage recently noticed in the Caucasus is directed almost solely against the government officials; and the unprecedented phenomenon of Georgians displaying hostility toward Armenians has become manifest.

The danger is so serious that a conference of Caucasian governors has been convoked to concert measures of pacification.

Travelers in central Asia report an extraordinary ferment among the moslems of different races. They are sinking their mutual animosities and declaring that they are first of all Mohammedans, with the sultan as their common chief. It is evident that the slightest pretext would suffice to bring about an uprising and to plunge Russia into the same sea of troubles as India.

MILITARY POLICY OUTLINED.

London, Dec. 10.—The Marquis of Lansdowne, secretary of state for war, speaking last night at Edinburg, outlined the military policy of the government. After remarking that the country had been confronted during the last few months with difficulties in every part of the globe, not of her own seeking, and specially mentioning the Bering sea and Venezuelan controversies, he said that three army corps were required, adding that two must be available for offensive purposes abroad.

He asserted that he was still of opinion that only a moderate service with the colors, was expedient, but he hoped to be able to increase the establishment of each home battalion, thus securing a larger margin of seasoned soldiers by contracting with small numbers of reservists, who, for extra payment, would agree if necessary to rejoin the colors during the first year of reserve. In summing up the policy of the government he said: "Our intention is to maintain what is good of the present system and supplement it where deficient."

AFTER TWENTY YEARS.

Boston, Dec. 10.—William Leavitt, the Competitor prisoner of whom his brothers and sisters sought information, has been restored to his family after an absence of nearly 20 years, and after being given up for dead by his people, through the efforts of his brother-in-law, G. A. Sewall of this city. In his wanderings he has had many strange experiences on land and sea, as a farmer, a sailor, blue-jacket in the navy, miner, and, last of all, as one of the little filibustering schooner's crew whose sentence to death so severely strained the relations of this country and Spain.

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IN GOTHAM.

Some Successful Productions.

"The White Heather" Has a Strong Cast—Pinero's New Play at the Lyceum.

New York, Dec. 10.—The most pretentious production Charles Frohman has ever made in New York is "The White Heather" at the Academy of Music. It was written by the authors of "The Sporting Duchess," but its scenes are on a much more elaborate and extended scale than are those of the latter piece. "The White Heather" is full of striking stage pictures, each of which Mr. Frohman presents in the most effective and convincing way made possible by modern stage art. An idea of just what he has done in the matter of scenery and costumes may be had when it is known that in the reproduction of the famous Duchess of Devonshire ball, given in London just previous to the queen's jubilee, the manager secured exact copies of the elaborate and elegant costumes that were worn at that event by the cream of English nobility. There are nine other big scenes. One of them deals with Battersea park, where hundreds of bicyclists are shown riding and breakfasting; still another picture represents the pandemonium that reigns at the Stock Exchange, and there is an extraordinary submarine view. The cast is one of the strongest seen in the metropolis. Rose Coghlan is at the head of it. She appears in a rollicking comedy part which runs through the entire play. With her are associated Miss Olive May and Miss Amelia Bingham. Francis Carlyle heads the male contingent of players, and there are besides Harry Harwood, formerly of John Drew's company; R. F. Cotton and S. Miller Kent.

"The White Heather" tells of Lord Angus Cameron's secret marriage to Marion Hume and of a son and heir. Lord Angus needs a large sum of money to carry out one of his schemes. He goes to his brother, the Duke of Shetland, and asks him to cut off the entail of the family estates for the purpose of raising the needed funds. The duke hesitates. He is a man of sentiment and justice, and if he knew that his brother had a son he would not consent to interfere with the entail of the estate of the latter. At this juncture Lord Angus' son is accidentally wounded at a shooting party. This incident brings about a position of affairs by which the father is confronted with the necessity of either acknowledging his wife and boy or disowning them for the sake of his ambitions. He prefers to sacrifice them. Thereupon the characters in the play become divided into those who believe in Marion Hume's honor and those who pin their faith to Lord Angus. Old James Hume, the father of the girl, is a stockbroker. He speculates madly in order to raise funds wherewith to begin a legal fight to establish his daughter's virtue. This leads up to one of the big scenes of the play, the interior of the Stock Exchange during a sudden panic of Kaffirs. These are the securities in which Hume is interested. The market goes against the old man, and he drops dead on the floor.

The heroine undergoes many tribulations after this, and incidentally her life is placed in jeopardy. The legal proofs of her marriage are on board her husband's yacht, the White Heather, but the craft has foundered off Flamborough head. Representatives of the good and evil dive for the papers, meet under the sea, and a thrilling scene results. Of course all ends well.

The twelfth regular season at the Lyceum has opened most auspiciously with Pinero's "The Princess and the Butterfly." The full Lyceum company, including James K. Hackett, William Courtleigh, Felix Morris, Mary Mannering, Bessie Tyree, Mrs. Thomas Whiffen and Julie Opp, was seen in the production. It was Miss Opp's first appearance for some time on this side of the Atlantic. Though a New York girl, she acquired most of her dramatic reputation abroad and is now under contract to George Alexander. She was the Princess Pannonia, in whose residences in London and Paris three of the five acts of the comedy occur. Those who are familiar with "The Princess and the Butterfly" declare that in it the author of "The Amazons," "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray" and "Sweet Lavender" has outdone himself.

They do say that in the matter of lingerie Richard Harlow comes pretty nearly running Cissy Fitzgerald a dead heat. Harlow, it will be remembered, was the hero or heroine of "1492." He is now doing the vaudeville in a sketch called "Half Way."

By the way, have you heard the latest story about Maurice Barrymore? He was asked one evening over a table how he liked his new part in "A Ward of France." With characteristic wit, Barry replied:

"Oh, I come in like a Lion and go out like a lamb chop!"

Victorien Sardou has just completed a new comedy, in which Mme. Rejane is to play the leading part. The piece is called "Pamela," and is already in rehearsal in Paris, although the actress who is to assume the star role has not yet arrived. She has been acting lately in St. Petersburg, to which point M. Sardou forwarded a copy of the manuscript in order that she might perfect herself in the lines before reaching the French capital. The scene of the new work is laid in 1795, between the Reign of Terror and the Directoire period.

Little Edna Wallace Hopper is not to be in the cast of John Philip Sousa's new opera, "The Bride Elect," after all. The cast was completed last week by the engagement of Albert Hart as principal comedian. Hart is a stranger to New York audiences, but has been very successful throughout the country in "Wang."

The new opera is a stock piece, and there will be no star. Nella Bergen will be the prima donna of the company, Christie McDonald soubrette and Lillian Carlsmith contralto. Frank Pollock, a new tenor, who has just returned from years of study in Paris, has been engaged, together with Melville Stewart, baritone, and Harry Luckstone. Ben Teal will stage the production, and John McGhie will be the musical director. There will be a chorus of 50, a dozen coryphees and a military band.

Ernest Gros is at work on the scenery of "The Bride Elect," the action of which takes place on the island of Capri, in the bay of Naples. F. Richard Anderson has designed the costumes, some 400 in number. The fact that the libretto of "The Bride Elect" was written by John Philip Sousa has added considerably to the interest already maintained in the presentation of the opera. "The Bride Elect" will be produced at New Haven Dec. 29 and will have three weeks at the Boston theater, commencing Jan. 3. A week in Washington will be followed by a long engagement in Philadelphia, and the new opera will then come to the Knickerbocker theater for its New York run.

Frank L. Perley, manager of the Bostonians and "The Sporting Duchess," was in town the other day and told me he had great hopes of the Bostonians' new opera, "Rip Van Winkle," which will shortly be tried at the Baldwin in San Francisco, with Mr. Barnabee as Rip. Joe Jefferson had better look to his laurels.

I have just heard that "Papa Goo Goo," the piece in which Thomas Q. Seabrooke made an effort to go starring at the opening of the season, is to be presented shortly at Daly's theater. In that case the name of the work will be changed and a cast satisfactory to Mr. Daly will be made up. Everybody who saw "Papa Goo Goo" was delighted with it, and during its short career there were a good many people expressed the opinion that if it had been adequately cast it couldn't have failed to make money. But Mr. Seabrooke was at that time in a condition of mental tumult, which made it almost impossible for him to properly perform the character given into his hands, with the result that the piece was not seen at its best.

Speaking of Seabrooke, reports from London are to the effect that he has made a big personal triumph there in "The White Heather." His wife, Elvia Crox, now says that she has given up the idea of suing Thomas Q. for divorce, as she does not intend to permit him to remarry. This is womanlike.

One of the best groomed actresses to be seen on Broadway nowadays is Anna Boyd. You will all remember her, first as the star of "Zig Zag" and later as the original widow in Hoyt's "A Trip to Chinatown." Anna has had many flattering offers this season, but none of them have suited her. She is possessed of considerable wealth in her own right and can afford to take matters easy.

Charles Coghlan's "new" play, "The Royal Box," has been successfully produced on the road, and the talented brother of the gifted Rose appears to have fortune's smile once more.

Frank Daniels, in "The Idol's Eye," is nearing the end of his engagement at the Broadway. He will be followed by De Koven and Smith's new opera, "The Highwayman." It has been a big hit everywhere.

Two great successes have left us, Richard Mansfield and Julia Arthur, but Maude Adams, John Drew, May Irwin and Nat C. Goodwin will remain indefinitely. Miss Arthur will return to the spring, most likely with a new play. She has certainly established herself as a prime metropolitan favorite.

FRANK CONNELLY.

They Talked of Something Else.

Henry Miller was one of a group recently who were discussing metaphysics, hypnotism and kindred subjects. In the course of the conversation one of the party said, "Did you ever try to make a person turn around by gazing intently at the back of his head and concentrating your thought and purpose on his mind?"

"Nonsense!" observed one of the party, who prided himself on his conquests as a masher.

"It's true," continued the first speaker, "provided the subject you desire to mentally control is weaker than yourself."

"By Jove!" replied the masher. "I'm going to try that the first time I go to the theater and see a pretty girl in front of me."

"But, my dear boy," chimed in Mr. Miller, "you really don't expect to find anywhere a weaker mind than your own, do you?"

The conversation was suddenly changed.

No Fun in This.

A stranded player walking homeward is no fiction of the farcical humorist. Washington has just had a real case in Alice Marshall, who was found hungry and ill in the streets after a journey afoot from Richmond, where the disbandment of a "Hogan's Alley" company had left her without money or friends.

MISS JEFFRIES

Success of a Talented Southern Girl.

After a Triumph in England She Goes to Australia to Support Wilson Barrett.

Miss Maud Jeffries, who is going to Australia to support Mr. Barrett, was born in 1870, "way down south in Dixie," on a cotton plantation in Coahoma county, Miss., and until she reached the age of 13 years she had never seen a city or a village of any kind. The solitude of the surroundings in which she lived so happily was doubtless the means of inculcating in her a love of home, parents and brothers which to this day is one of the most marked of the many beautiful and worthy traits in Miss Jeffries' character.

At this period in her life she was sent to a large college in Columbia, Tenn., where she remained until her nineteenth year. During her school days all the entertainments promoted were placed in her hands to conduct, and every week she was relied upon for an interesting programme for the Friday night concert. Monetary losses of a very serious nature made it necessary for her to earn her own living, and, looking upon the stage as one of the most likely vocations, she wrote to Mr. Augustin Daly, and as a result was given work with him in New York.

Among the various plays she performed in under his management were "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and "As You Like It." It was about this time that Miss Jeffries first saw Mr. Wilson Barrett act, and the romantic element surrounding the plays in which he took part so delighted her that she felt nothing would satisfy her until she became a member of his company.

The outcome of a communication to Mr. Barrett was an offer from him, which Miss Jeffries immediately accepted, and she then made her first journey to England, playing a variety of small parts and understudying some of the larger ones, her first appearance in that country being at Liverpool. Miss Jeffries then went to London, starting at the Olympic theater, and it was shortly after this that Mr. Barrett experienced some little difficulty about a leading lady. Miss Jeffries received an invitation to Mr. Barrett's home, where a few friends had assembled, and after dinner she was asked in a casual way to give the end of the second act of "Claudian." This was done, those present arranging themselves round and forming an audience, and at the conclusion they all expressed the utmost pleasure at her performance.

It was then that Mr. Barrett told her he wished her to play "leading business." She was so utterly surprised at the proposition that she burst out sobbing and said she would not do it, for she not only felt incapable of accomplishing it successfully, but she did not believe in such "jumps." Miss Jeffries immediately cabled home to America, telling her parents that she was leaving England by the next ship. The following day, as Mr. Barrett knew, she was lunching with some American friends, and he sent word to them to do all in their power to persuade her to accept his offer. Miss Jeffries' friends did nothing but talk to her of the advantages which would accrue to her from taking such a position, and eventually, out of sheer desperation, she accepted, and it may safely be said has never regretted it. She had 14 leading parts to get ready in three weeks, and since then she has been constantly with Mr. Barrett, a period of about seven years.

During this time she has played many parts and has appeared in the following plays: "Hamlet," "Othello," "Ben-my-Chree," "The Manxman," "Color Sergeant," "Chatterton," "The Miser," "The People's Idol," "The Acrobat," "Jenny the Barber," "A Clerical Error," "Our Pleasant Sins," "The Bondman," "Pharaoh," "The Silver King," "The Stranger," "Claudian," "Virginius," and lastly, "The Sign of the Cross." Miss Jeffries prefers "Virginius," chiefly because it departs somewhat from the beaten track, the interest not lying solely in the love of Icilius for Virginia, but as showing the great love between father and daughter.

The reason Miss Jeffries turned her attention to the stage instead of teaching, which exercised a strong fascination for her, was because her parents felt she was more fitted for such a calling. And they had a good chance of judging, for in early youth—her years could not have numbered more than five in this great world—one of the joys of her father and the many friends assembled for the shooting season was to coax her out of her cozy bed after their day's sport and have her recite some simple or dramatic old poem.

She is passionately fond of an athletic and outdoor life, and her innumerable accomplishments—especially with the gun—are of no mean order. The sweet disposition of Miss Jeffries carries everything before her and makes her loved and respected by everybody.

MISS MAUD JEFFRIES.

How Times Have Changed.

A couple of years ago an actor of any repute was ashamed to admit that he was a member of a "popular price" stock company. He would never take such an engagement if there was anything else to be had, and he knew that his friends knew this. Now, however, the best of them are proud to tell that they have played "an entire season" at such and such a house. The high priced leading men and women are many of them now members of these organizations, and many more have graduated from them into positions of greater prominence and larger salary.

An Interview With Mrs. Fiske.

Mrs. Fiske recently talked about her early experiences in the theater and recalled the impressions made upon her young mind when as a child she nightly accompanied her mother, who was an actress, to the playhouse. The love for the realm behind the scenes that begins in childhood is evidently more true and abiding than that which comes later in life. Mrs. Fiske, while recalling her childhood experiences, touched also upon the sustained youthfulness, endurance and bravery of actresses.

"After it had been determined that I should accompany my mother nightly to the theater," said Mrs. Fiske, "I began a, to me, delightful existence. After entering through the stage door we had to traverse a long dark passage before reaching the stairway which, branching off right and left at the top, led to the stage on one side and the dressing rooms on the other.

"It was coming along this long, damp passage that I first learned to know and love the smell of the theater—that odoriferous medley made up of gas, paint and mold dear to the scent of all true children of the stage, as grateful, as familiar as the salt breeze to the sailor.

"Graduates of dramatic colleges and society ladies who embrace what some members of it insist upon calling 'the profession,' at a certain age, don't as a rule inhale this venerable odor with any large degree of appreciation. Indeed, they usually find it noisome and offensive, but the girl who has breathed it from infancy revels in it. It is her natural atmosphere, and upon my word she seems to thrive on it. Actresses are the strongest, healthiest, youngest women in the world. Where else, pray, save among them, do we find grandmammas so pretty, so lithe, so coquettish as to turn the heads of sons whose grizzled papas dare not recall the days, years agone, when they, too, worshiped at the same shrine? The ordinary matron dons her bonnet at 40, but bless you, Mrs. ——, who did soubrettes with Burton in 1810, still sports a sailor hat, and it is nightily becoming too.

"And then the carelessness with which the actress uses her wondrous power of endurance. It may be that the secret of her strength lies partly in the fact that she has not the time to take to her bed respectably and thus nurse her ills in a conventional and proper manner. It is true, provided there is neither a rehearsal nor a jump to be made, that she is at liberty to be comfortably ill all day, if she likes, but then as she is under contract to be in prime condition by 7:30 in the evening at latest, she finds it scarcely worth while to play the invalid for the few short hours that are her own.

"Oh, ye matinee girl, pausing breathless as he carelessly strolls by all unheedful of your fluttering hearts, yours and Maud's and Clara's, this gracious specimen of young leading manhood, with a bunch of violets in his buttonhole, I wish, dear creatures, I might show you this same young man making one night stands in Texas. But the woman of the stage, she is usually serene, though even amid the confines of the caboose or perched upon a baggage truck for a three hours' wait at some snow covered station in a western wilderness as she cheerfully swings her feet and watches the sun come up and tip the Rockies."

No More "Casey."

De Wolf Hopper's followers—that is, those who admire his clever comedy methods and his resonant baritone voice—rejoice in his courage. He has at last rebelled against the demand of the galleries to recite "Casey at the Bat." When the comedian began to give that baseball epic on special occasions it was enjoyable. One could hear it with pleasure twice. On the third or fourth hearing it became wearisome. The forty-seventh repetition was a nuisance and endangered the immortal souls of many people of profane inclinations in the audience. Why the gods on high Olympus wanted "Casey" at every performance was never understandable, still less why Mr. Hopper yielded to the demand. For years he has been plainly tired of it and never pretended to be otherwise. At first he used to deliver the mock heroic lines with evident gusto. Latterly he rattled them off with breathless rapidity, as if in haste to finish a disagreeable task, and it was painfully evident to the better class of theater goers who happen to be among the audience that the gallery gods, when they called for "Casey," had no real desire for it, and even out on the Pacific coast, where it was thought "Casey" had never been heard of, there came a vociferous demand for the recitation. Mr. Hopper's speeches between the acts are much more enjoyable. Old timers say that he is the legitimate successor of Dundreary Sothern in that respect, just as Sothern was the successor of John Brougham. It is high time to bury "Casey," not to praise him. Requiescat in pace, in the confident hope of no glorious resurrection. "El Capitan," minus silly and meaningless interpolation, is quite good enough for our theater goers.

What Happened to Broadhurst.

As a football player George H. Broadhurst does not look as if he would prove a startling success. However, it was not so long ago that the author of "What Happened to Jones" was center rush on the Chicago football team. The to be Mrs. Broadhurst saw her Lothario afield one day, and the intensity, vigor and fury of his high pressure rushes so terrorized the lady that a promise was extracted from him never to play another game, to give up the pigskin for once and for all. Broadhurst promised—a sort of Pickwickian. Pinafore never!

A big game was announced for the day before the Broadhurstian nuptials, and George H. was inveigled into playing, unknown to the bride to be. When he marched up the center aisle of the church next day a little worse for wear, with his head swathed in bandages, there came very nearly being no wedding, not so much on account of the injuries of the prospective bridegroom, but because there is one thing fair femininity can't forgive—a bold, deceiving, horrid man!

And this is what happened to Broadhurst.

Just a Hint.

If some self styled actors who tread the boards were made to walk the plank, it would go a long way toward elevating the stage.

TOPICS OF THE STAGE WORLD.

Mrs. S. A. Baker, who is 80 years old and who last season celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of her first appearance on the stage, is with Thomas W. Keene again this season. Mrs. Baker plays only one part, the Duchess of York in "Richard III." She has been a member of Mr. Keene's company for 16 years, having been away from him only one season in that time, during which she was specially engaged to play the Duchess of York to the Richard III of Edwin Booth.

Maude Hoffman, leading lady with E. S. Willard, is a great-granddaughter of the Kentucky pioneer, Daniel Boone.

It is said that there are 750 vaudeville houses now open in the United States and Canada.

Frank L. Perley, not content with directing the fortunes of the Bostonians and "The Sporting Duchess," will shortly assume the management of another important attraction.

Charles Coghlan is soon to star in a play dealing with the time of George IV.

George Thatcher, the merry minstrel boy, has rented a roadhouse near Fanwood, N. J., and will open it as a special attraction for cyclists.

Vernona Jarbeau's "A Paris Doll" company was disbanded in Iowa recently.

In Berlin a new farce is being played in which the animated picture scheme, tried in this country by John J. McNally in "The Good Mr. Best," is employed with what appears to be a high degree of success.

Frederick Warde has resumed his tour in "Iskander."

NOW THE WAGE QUESTION

Fall River Manufacturers Defend Cut Down.

Mills Were Handicapped in Several Ways—Weaver's Secretary on the Wisdom of Pulling up Goods.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 10.—The reduction of wages of the operatives is the sole topic of conversation. The manufacturers are more free in discussing the situation, and are prepared to show why there is a need for the action taken. They say that their competitors in Rhode Island and in the south are able to manufacture goods cheaper and underbid them in the market, and at the same time are unhampered by the restrictive legislation which binds all cotton mills in Massachusetts. In Rhode Island the wage schedule is 10 to 15 per cent lower than in Fall River, and in the south it is considerably lower, being something like 30 to 40 per cent below the Fall River basis. In Rhode Island the 10-hour law is backed with no penalty, and manufacturers have no difficulty in getting operatives to work even longer hours. In other centers there are no strong labor unions to keep after the manufacturers and prevent the violation of the labor laws; and factory inspectors, where there are any, have not strict labor laws of which to demand the endorsement. The proposed reduction has not been ordered with a view of putting Fall River operatives on the same wage basis as the southern operatives, but is intended to allow Fall River to compete with other New England centers.

Labor unions have developed surprisingly withing the past two years, and at the present time over one-third of the operatives in this city are enrolled. These organizations demand regular payments of stated dues, and they are backed by a surplus which will enable them to make a stronger fight than ever before in the history of the city. At the time of the last reduction in 1894, there were no unions except the weavers and spinners, while today there are well organized unions in every department of the mills, and they have $100,000 to wage a fight against reduction.

The schedule of wages will not be completed before the middle of next week, and will then be submitted for approval. It is not improbable that the manufacturers will submit an address to the operatives in the hope of averting trouble. A strike is not courted by them, and if the situation leads up to one, there will be regret both on the part of the manufacturers and operatives.

The attitude of the Bourne, Seaconnet and Fall River Iron Works companies, which art not represented in the association, will be a factor in the situation. The Seaconnet treasurer did not sign the paper which was circulated among the manufacturers, and if these mills should continue under the present schedule it would have an important effect upon the outcome of the matter. It is a fact that there are some who voted for the reduction who did so in the hope that the mills might run.

Secretary Whitehead of the weavers says that the trouble is due to the supply exceeding the demand. The remedy for this is curtailment and not reduction of wages. He felt that any attempt to reduce the cost of production should include the agents and superintendents as well as the operatives. There is little doubt that such action would have put a very different phase on the situation, but this will be difficult to bring about. In mills where stockholders are receiving dividends the directors are opposed to reduction. It is apparent that every effort will be made to avert a strike and bring about an agreement.

SOUTHERN COMPETITION.

Boston, Dec. 10.—Although Boston is the center of the cotton mill business of New England, the men prominently connected with the trade have little to say concerning the action of the Fall River manufacturers in voting to reduce wages Jan. 1. The treasurer of one of the Fall River mills, who was willing to discuss the matter at some length, said he regarded this cut as the beginning of a serious time, not only for the Fall River print mills, but for all the cotton mills, both there and throughout the state, and to a certain extent throughout New England.

The key to the whole situation, he said, is the relative cheapness of southern labor, which could not be better shown than by the fact that it costs a mill in Georgia or North Carolina three and one-half cents to produce a pound of material that in New England would cost six cents. With this fact in mind it is evident that the cut of 10 per cent is not going to help matters much, and the only thing that will do any good at present will be a radical cut of say 20 or 25 per cent. This would inevitably bring on a strike; but with a cut of 10 or 11 per cent he says, there would be little likelihood of a strike, as the operatives are well acquainted with the conditions, and know that a reduction of some kind is necessary. Even this would still leave a difference of about 25 per cent in the cost of labor in favor of the southern mills, too great a difference for one to struggle against successfully.

CONDITIONS ARE DIFFERENT.

New Bedford, Mass., Dec. 10.—Matthew Hart, secretary of the Weavers' union, yesterday stated that the conditions in this city are so different that the cut-down would not be likely to be followed here. "In Fall River," he said, "there is a standard grade of goods, prints, and a fixed scale of prices, which is the same all over town. In New Bedford there is such a variety of goods that it is impossible to have any standard of wages."

Mr. Hart believed that a shutdown in Fall River ought to be agreed upon, as the contemplated cutdown will simply mean a cheaper production of goods, and the mills will keep on piling up at full speed, to be sold at cheaper prices. The market will still be over-stocked, and when the manufacturers try to restore prices in the market, they will have a hard fight with the jobbers, while the help will have to fight the manufacturers to get the wages restored.

SITUATION IN MAINE.

Lewiston, Me., Dec. 10.—Lewiston and Auburn mill operatives and agents are speculating upon the possible effect on local manufacturing of the proposed cutdown at Fall River. One agent in an interview said that the market was somewhat influenced by the Fall River mills, and the situation might demand a reduction in wages and curtailment of output. Another said he hoped they would not be compelled to do either, and he did not intend to borrow trouble. A third man said he considered it more advantageous to curtail production than to reduce wages. Conservative business men hope that neither expedient will have to be resorted to.

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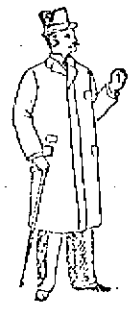

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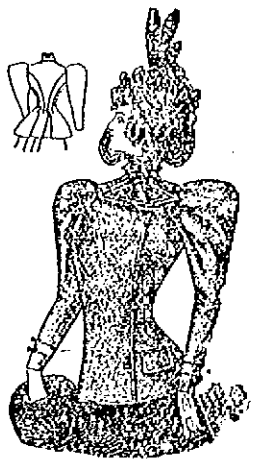

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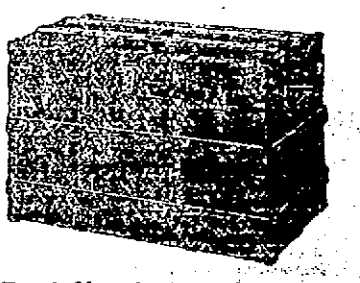

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Cook, Taylor & Co., Central street, advertise today a big sale of ladies' garments at prices less than actual cost. See ad. for particulars.

The L.C.A.A. football team will go to Andover Saturday, Dec. 11th, to play a game of association football with the North Andover team. The Lowells will leave Merrimack square at 1 o'clock on the electrics.

To rent. Cheap, in Ayer's city, new cottages, corner of Quebec and Platt streets, with garden all fenced in. Inquire of Asa C. Russell, 331 Wilder street, or on the premises Saturday, December 11, between 2 and 3 p. m.

WORKINGMEN AND MECHANICS, THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY.

For sale, cheap, on easy terms, located on D street, near the Shaw Stocking company, on high and dry land, with good sewerage, convenient to schools, churches, and two lines of street cars, piped for gas and water; five cottage houses and one two-tenement house. These houses have all modern improvements and are suitably arranged for families. Part of these houses have just been completed and the rest will be finished, ready for occupancy in a very short time.

Terms liberal. A small amount down and the balance can be paid in monthly instalments.

Anyone desiring to go through these houses and inquire terms and prices, call on J. W. Bennett, the owner, at 564 Middlesex street.

To Cure Constipation Forever.
Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic. 10c or 25c. If C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money

CASTORIA.
The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

Dr. Coburn DENTIST 81 MERK ST.

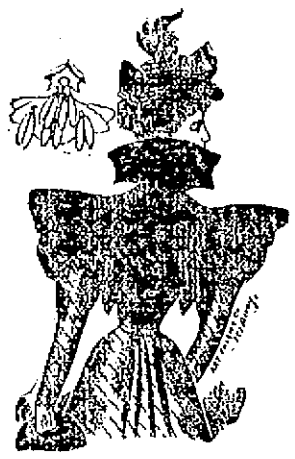
CHRIS HOLMES'

Specialty Cloak and Fur Store,

124 and 126 Merrimack Street.

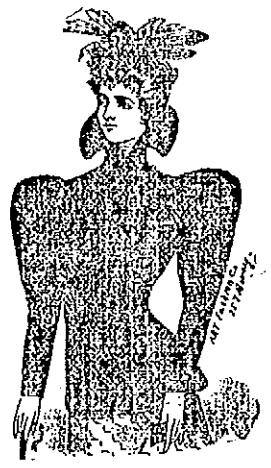
The Fire, Smoke and Water Sale

OF LADIES' HIGH GRADE JACKETS, CAPES, COATS, FURS, ETC., IS A HUMMER.



WHY?

Because the prices we are selling at hardly covers the cost of the linings, say nothing of the outside and makings. We guarantee by far the most phenomenal values ever offered in Cloaks and Furs in the entire New England States.



REMEMBER this catastrophe overtook us just in the height of our season, when our stock and assortment was the largest and best. The insurance companies, appreciating this fact, gave us a good adjustment of our losses, and we are fully determined to turn each and every article into CASH AT ONCE. It doesn't make any difference what you want in our line, you make the most grievous mistake for your pocket book if you don't call at the Genuine Cloak and Fur Fire and Water Sale.

Chris Holmes'

Specialty Store,

124 and 126 Merrimack Street.

XMAS OPENING

AT THE

BON MARCHE,

TODAY AND TOMORROW.

Grand display almost complete. Come and see our mammoth establishment in Holiday Attire.

The Toys are down in the Basement. The Candy at head of basement stairway. The Pictures are upstairs, drapery department. The Rocking Horses, Sleds, Shoo Flys, Doll Carriages and alll arge toys are up stairs drapery department. The Hand Painted Celluloid Goods at cotton underwear. The Books and Diaries in millinery department. The Games are in the basement.

Introductory Specials.

Picture department specials for Friday and Saturday.

100 Pictures at 19 cents each, worth 39 cents.

50 Pictures at 29 cents each, worth 50 cents.

One lot Pictures at 49 cents worth 79 cents.

One lot Pictures at 75 cents worth $1.

100 Pictures Pastels, Game, etc., for 98 cents worth $1.25.

Great values for $1.19 Pictures, worth $1.50.

A beautiful line of Pastels, Arts and High Art Pictures at lowest prices we have ever known.

About Chairs.

We have Rattan Rocking Chairs worth $3.50, for $2.98 each.

Another line of $4.00 Rattan Chairs for $3.40.

A beautiful Chair (stationary rocker) for $6.98, worth $12.00.

Children's Roll Top Writing Desks $1.98 each, worth $3.00.

Easels for 29 cents up. Easels Galore.

Hand Painted Goods.

The beautiful Handkerchief, Glove and Necktie Boxes go on sale at 8 o'clock this morning for 16 cents each or 2 for 25 cents.

The Photo Frames, hand painted, go on sale also for 5 cents each.

(These are found front of main entrance.)

Toys In The Basement.

Going like hot cakes.
5 cent Toys for 2 1-2 cents.
10 cent Toys for 5 cents.
25 cent Toys for 10 cents.
50 cent Toys for 25 cents.
$1.00 Toys for 49 cents.

Going Like Hot Cakes.

Come early in the day and avoid the big rush in the afternoon.

Candy Department.

We are agreeably surprised at the way our patrons flock round the candy counter. Every pound fresh daily. Pea Nut Brittle at 10c. ber sells fast.

Our Chocolates in Popular Mixtures "Temp" at 19c. pound, is exceptional.

The best mixtures in the market are here at 39c. a pound. Call and see our large stock of Pure Candies.

FREE !

With Every Purchase of 5c and Over We Will Give to All

our customers from now until Xmas a pretty little juvenile book FREE. These books are illustrated by Palmer Cox and the stories are by the Fairy Tales authoress, B. Veale. They are cute and will delight both young and old. Do your Xmas trading here and secure one of these books free.

Sapile Goods.

Such as Gloves, Handkerchiefs Men's Furnishings, Umbrellas, Linens, Hosiery, Underwear, Cloaks, Furs, Dress Goods, Silk Inside Skirts, Leather Goods, etc. etc. We have large lines in each department and are prepared to show the best values in the respective lines we have ever shown. Special inducements for Xmas trade. We are the bargain givers on all occasions on all times.

THE BON MARCHE DRY GOODS CO.

CRISP GOSSIP.

Says the Boston Traveller:

Political and social influences have saved Albert M. King, the young man who in May last, absconded with $30,000, the property of one of Boston's national banks, from spending the next five years in a prison cell. This is only one of many instances. King's crime was premeditated. He confessed. In the same court in which King was discharged from custody a young man named Redhead whose family is one of respectability in Lowell, pleaded guilty to a charge of opening a letter containing $1. He was sent to jail for six months. He gave the officials no trouble, as far as his capture was concerned. On the other hand, King stole $29,999 more than Redhead, and kept officers of three states on the jump day and night in their endeavor to capture him. This is "justice" as she is interpreted.

Members of the local W.T.C.U. will be interested in this comment of a Boston paper:

"There's a heap of trouble in the W.C.T.U. Miss Butler, the superintendent of the purity branch, has written to Miss Frances E. Willard, resigning her position, unless Miss Willard comes out flat-footed against the propositions of Lady Henry Somerset to regulate vice as far as the English army in India is concerned. Here's a howdy-do. Yet it is noticeable that the woman who proposes this regulation is married while the prefixes to Miss Willard's and Miss Butler's names should speak for themselves. It is impossible to behead all who break social rules, and, as Kipling remarks, single men in barracks or in cities or towns or anywhere, for that matter, are not all possessed of the severe moral strength of the heads of the purity branch of the W.T.C.U.

BILLS PAID

BY CITY TREASURER COBURN TODAY.

This is pay day at City Hall. Many of those who have bills against the city were paid. Several bills against the pauper department were not paid, as there was not sufficient money left to the credit of the department.

A few bills contracted by the school department were held up. One was of Edward J. Carroll & Co., for work done in the Manual Training school. Mr. Carroll is at a loss to know why it was not approved. Teachers received their salaries today, as did the employes of the Evening schools.

"City employes should receive proper compensation for their labor, and I shall not permit any violation of the law in regard to the hours of labor in any city departments."—*Hon. Fisher H. Pearson in his letter of acceptance.*

RESIGNATION WITHDRAWN.

Rev. C. L. Merriam will remain as pastor of the Highland Congregational church.

At the church meeting last night, a letter from the pastor was read, in which he agreed to remain with the church.

Deacon Buttrick spoke briefly, urging upon the members that the church stand together, united, one heart and one mind, in pushing the work of the Kingdom.

STOCK MUST BE SOLD!!

Clothing, Hats and Furnishing Goods

Male Attire for all Ages to be Closed Out Regardless of Original Price or Present Value.

Proposed change about first of the year makes this great slaughter necessary at O'Hearn & Dowd's. Sale will continue all this month. Are you a cash buyer? Do you like to dress stylishly? Here is your greatest chance, if money-saving is an object. No special bargains, all big bargains. Everything goes at some price. Changes are bound to take place.

Overcoats, Underwear, Suits, Pants, Shirts, Reefers, Ulsters, Hats, Hosiery

O'HEARN & DOWD, 31 to 39 Merrimack Street